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CHIANG SCORES BIG GAINS.

PENGPU AND YANGCHOW CAPTURED.

EXTENSIVE ADVANCE NORTH OF NANKING.

FENG LOSES CHENGCHOW.

There are several indications that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has scored important victories. This is evident from a Naval wireless report from Chinkiang which states that large numbers of Southern forces are crossing over to the north bank of the river without any opposition.

The fact that the Northerners have been driven back is confirmed in a Reuter's telegram from Shanghai which quotes a report that the Southerners have captured Pengpu and Yangchow, both important centres formerly in the hands of Marshal Chang Tsung-chang and Marshal Sun Chuan-fang respectively. The Southerners are now 100 miles north-west of Nanking.

Other reports from the Yangtze zone state that matters remain much the same as during the past few days. Marshal Feng's alleged victory at Chengchow is discounted by news of a successful counter-attack by the Northerners who are operating against Hankow.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that British naval forces had been instructed to prevent the transfer of rolling stock from the Shanghai-Nanking Railway to the Pukow-Tientsin Railway for military purposes. This was owing to the conditions of the Railway Loan Agreement with Britain. Action had been entirely impartial.

Chinkiang, May 23.
The Nationalists have gained further successes in the vicinity of Chinkiang, the heavy shelling by the Northerners the day before yesterday having been mainly in the nature of a parting salvo.

The Southern counter-offensive yesterday resulted in the heavy defeat of the Northerners, and General Ho Ying-yin's troops are now crossing in large numbers to the North bank with-out opposition. There has been talk of a peace settlement between Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, whose troops have been operating in this district, and General Ho Ying-yin, but what stage negotiations have reached is obscure.—Naval Wireless.

SOUTHERN SUCCESSES.

Two Important Captures.

Shanghai, May 24.
A message from Nanking states that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's troops in their operations against claims a major success. It is reported that he has driven General Chang Tsung-chang back to the north-west by the forces of the Northern Kiangsu, after capturing Pengpu, generals to cross the river from on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, an important junction of the Nanking.

The Nationalists also assert that they have captured Yangchow, opposite Chinkiang, from General Sun Chuan-fang.—Reuter.

FENG'S "VICTORY."

Turned to Defeat.

Shanghai, May 23.
The report of a great victory by Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang at Chengchow has been discounted considerably by later information that a Fengtien counter-attack proved successful. Shanghai is quiet.—Naval Wireless.

THREAT TO WUCHANG.

Hankow's Food Crisis.

Hankow, May 23.
General Sha Tao-yin appears to be awaiting the advance of other forces approaching Hankow before attacking Wuchang. The Communists have sent a large body of troops to the defence of Wuchang. Hankow remains the same, the food shortage appears to be intensifying, and local uneasiness grows.—Naval Wireless.

BRITISH PROTEST.

Apparently Ignored.

Wuhu, May 23.
No reply has so far been received from the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs to the British protest against troop occupation. The position remains the same. 400,000, who have spread them.—Naval Wireless.

Chiang's Reinforcements.

Nanking, May 23.
Southern reinforcements continue to arrive.—Naval Wireless.

BRITISH CONFERENCE.

Minister Meets Admiral.

Shanghai, May 24.
Sir Miles Lampson has had a long conference with Mr. Basil Newton, lately British representative at Hankow, and Admiral Tyrwhitt.—Reuter.

NO INTERFERENCE.

Labour Query Answered.

London, May 23.
In the House of Commons, Lt. Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour) asked whether British naval forces were interfering with the use of railway trucks for the transport of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's troops in their operations against claims a major success. It is reported that he has driven General Chang Tsung-chang back to the north-west by the forces of the Northern Kiangsu, after capturing Pengpu, generals to cross the river from on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, an important junction of the Nanking.

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Removal of Rolling-Stock.

He cited representations made to General Chang Tsung-chang on March 21 and similarly on May 17. The secretary to the British General Officer Commanding had informed the Captain of H.M.S. Carlisle of a proposal to transfer the rolling-stock to Nanking and Pukow, and he was told that this could not be permitted.

Sir Austen Chamberlain declared that these representations were founded on the loan agreement, while as regards the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, there was no mortgage and therefore would not be the same legal grounds on which to base a protest. He added that the Captain of the Carlisle had been directed not to object to the Nationalists transferring to Nanking and Pukow trucks and armoured cars belonging to that railway.—Reuter.

400,000 INDIGENTS.

Chinese Trek into Manchuria.

Between February and April last, the indigent Chinese immigrants to the British grants, who have gone into North Manchuria are figured at about 400,000, who have spread them.—(Continued on Page 7.)

KIANGSI UNREST.

IN THE NATIONALIST CAULDRON.

A CHANGING PROVINCE.

Kiangsi is in the Nationalist cauldron, or, is it the refining crucible? Time alone will tell. These months of change, unrest, fighting, etc., have disturbed Chinese as well as foreigners. Business has suffered severely, in some centres the poorer classes are, possibly, a little better off, but generally there is a decided feeling of doubt and uncertainty, fearing the future.

Just now, Kiangsi is largely in the hands of the Left Wing of the Nationalists—the Red section. A comparatively small faction they are, but able, active, merciless. In the east and north, some troops are loyal to Chiang Kai-shek, and are threatening Nanchang, the provincial capital, which is dominated by the Left Wing. Recently, there are many rumours of imminent fighting between the Right and Left Wing, and the people generally long for the victory of the Right.

Idle and Dejected.

Kiukiang and Kuling are almost deserted, trade is largely at a standstill, the big coolie class are mostly idle and dejected. There are still a score or so Europeans in these places, principally Germans. In the interior of Kiangsi, there are still a number of Roman Catholic missionaries, and over 30 Protestant, mostly German, American, and Finnish, with a few Britishers.

Christians Persecuted.

In some places inland the Chinese Christians have been persecuted, imprisoned, forced into hiding, robbed, reviled, etc. A few have recanted but the greater number, as far as is now known, are faithful and true. In most places, however, there is a fair measure of peace. Mission premises, in a number of inland centres, are occupied by troops, schools, unions, etc., but to a less degree than a few months ago. Good rains have made rice sowing easy, but the depreciated paper money is a general incubus.

Possibly, in six months or a year, there will be a return to normalcy and peace. But it will never be the same old Kiangsi! Humanity out here has, once more, struck its tent and is marching! Whether, we do not yet know. But we hope it will be forward. It is a time, surely, to be patient, quiet, and hopeful—and sympathetic.

FRANCE'S WARMTH OF WELCOME.

LINDBERGH THE HERO OF THE PERIOD.

Paris, May 23.
On the occasion of the Aero Club of France's reception to Lindbergh, Madame Deutsch De la Meurthe, the widow of the ex-president of the Club, sent the secretary a cheque for 350,000 francs, of which 150,000 is for a cup for Lindbergh, and 100,000 each for Nungesser's mother and the French airman's companion, Coli's, children.

More Awards.

At the function Lindbergh was evidently embarrassed by the warmth of the reception. In a speech he said that Americans felt the loss of Nungesser and Coli as much as the French, but still had a little hope that they would be found in the wilds of North America or Canada. The company then toasted Mrs. Lindbergh, "the proudest woman in America."

Prominent aviators present included Bleriot and Pelletier Doisy. A gold medal was awarded to Lindbergh.

Profound Praise.

The speakers included M. Painleve, who expressed the profound admiration of French military aviation for Lindbergh's exploit. The American Ambassador, Mr. Horrick, declared that the manifestations of the past few days amply proved the continuance of Franco-American friendship. Subsequently Lindbergh and Mr. Horrick drove to the Ministry of Finance, where the Prime Minister warmly congratulated the airman.—Reuter.

CHANGSHA AS IT IS TO-DAY.

PROPERTY OF FOREIGNERS DESTROYED.

A REIGN OF TERROR.

Changsha was the first really large city to be "captured" last July by the invading army of Kwangsi soldiers. They had been trained and prepared in Canton, and advised as to route and procedure by the now famous Comrade Borodin, one of the many Advisors taken into the Kuomintang or "National Army" by the late Sun Yat-sen. This Borodin, with another rather prominent, Comrade Galens, writes a correspondent to the Shanghai Mercury, are in the pay of the Third International, Moscow, though this has been denied by some, and it has been fully proved that the munitions, money and aeroplanes were all sent from Russia, though many may have been manufactured by Germans.

After nine months under the "red" flag we have not much to boast of. All three Consuls, English, American and Japanese, with their nationals, have been forced out of the city, or from the island, and the gunboats have left, the trading steamers have ceased to call, the trade of the port is almost ruined, prices are higher on all staples of life, and many of the

A BREAK WITH RUSSIA?

Definite Branch Prophesied.

London, May 23.
Reuter's Lobby correspondent states that there is now an almost universal conviction that the statements by Ministers on May 24 with regard to the Arcos raid will involve a complete break with Russia.—Reuter.

Soviet Action.

Moscow, May 23.
M. Mokeyan, the Peoples' Commissar of Trade, has instructed the Soviet trade representative in London to refrain from lodging any new orders with British industrialists.—Reuter.

rich Chinese have either had to give up all they had to the present ruling party, or flee the city and province.

A reign of terror also exists all through the country districts, and in many cases they are more strict and exacting than in the city.

Of the foreigners, some 100 in number, who were here last July, only a handful of German missionaries remain, and it is possible that they may leave at any date for Hankow, as life is hard to live under present conditions here, the Labour Union making many impossible exactions, and also demanding that no preaching or teaching, but of their own kind, shall be carried on in the city.

The property of many of the foreigners has been taken over, effects sold or destroyed, and we do not yet know what the end will be. Our railroad still functions.

OBITUARY.

"BLUE BOY'S" PURCHASER.

Philadelphia, May 23.
The death has occurred of Mr. Henry Huntington, the railway magnate, who purchased Gainsborough's famous painting the "Blue Boy," for which he paid \$150,000.—Reuter's American Service.

Henry Edwards Huntington was born in New York State in 1850, and after a spell in the hardware and lumber trade, entered the railway business, and in time became one of America's best-known railway magnates.

MUTINY AT SEA.

FIGHT ON S.S. PRES. LINCOLN.

MARINES CALLED UPON.

A contingent of about 40 American marines were called from the U.S. transport Henderson at 1.30 on Friday afternoon to quell a mutiny aboard the Dollar Line str. President Lincoln when she arrived at Shanghai from Hongkong.

A representative of the North China Daily News boarded the liner a short while after she arrived in Shanghai and tied up in the middle of the stream not a long way from the Standard Oil installation and found the vessel's crew in a turmoil, the ship itself being policed by American marines.

According to passengers aboard the vessel, the trouble started shortly after she left Hongkong and lasted until she dropped anchor in mid-stream just below where the U.S.S.S. Richmond and Marblehead are moored.

Those implicated in the fighting are said to be Chinese who were recruited in Hongkong in accordance with the practice of the Dollar Line, and a detail of Americans who were picked up in San Francisco to take the place of the usual Asiatic crew in the steward's department on the President Grant when she became temporarily a United States transport to carry U.S. Marines to Olangapo.

It is said that those responsible for the trouble are persons who signed on the President Grant when she sailed from San Francisco with a contingent of 1,500 American Marines. According to the specifications on board the ship only an American crew could be engaged. These were picked up from the San Francisco waterfront.

After completing her trip across the Pacific in the interest of the Government the President Grant went to Hongkong, where she discharged her American crew—rather held them—and took on her Asiatic crew in the steward's department.

The President Lincoln was detailed to pick up the American crew in Hongkong and carry them as more or less super-cargoes, it is said. Once out of Hongkong the spirit of boycott started to assert itself and an argument ensued in which, it is said, some Chinese received the worst part. Officers of the vessel interfered and the ship was brought into port in safety with only one or two casualties. Once she dropped anchor a contingent of marines, instructed by radio to stand by, boarded and, it is said, several of the mutineers were put under strict surveillance.

Apart from one or two of the alleged mutineers being a little the worse for the argument with the Marines, no trouble was experienced and the Lincoln will proceed to-day under the usual orders.

FRENCH COMMUNISTS' TOUR.

LEAVING FAR EAST TO GO HOME.

Paris, May 23.
The Communist, Desiot, has cabled to the Humanita from Vladivostok that he is returning to France to defend himself in proceedings instituted by the French Government because of speeches he made while he was in China.—Reuter.

WHY THEY FAILED.

PETROL WAS INSUFFICIENT.

Karachi, May 23.
The British airmen Carr and Gilman, who were attempting to set up a new world's aviation record by a flight from England to India in one stage, and came down in the Persian Gulf, were, it now transpires, forced to descend owing to their petrol supply becoming exhausted.—Reuter.

ANOTHER BIG FLYING VENTURE.

FROM PARIS TO TOKYO IN TWO STAGES.

TO BEAT WORLD'S RECORDS.

Paris, May 23.
The atmospheric conditions permitting it, the airmen Coste and Rignot, recent holders of the long-distance flying record, from Paris to Jask, will set out to-morrow, flying in the direction of Tokyo. They hope to establish a new long-distance record in their first stage, and to reach Tokyo in their next.—Reuter.

[This is presumably an attempt to fly from Paris to Tokyo in two "hops," which, if successful, will certainly be the most amazing feat of modern aviation, and possibly eclipse even the trans-Atlantic flight of Lindbergh for spectacular effect.]

It will be recalled that the British airmen Carr and Gilman, who had the misfortune to come down in the Persian Gulf, as reported yesterday, managed to beat the long-distance record of Coste and Rignot, flying altogether some 3,400 miles before descending. The present record, of course, is held by Lindbergh with his New York-Paris flight.

Another big aviation feat, as recently announced, is contemplated by the famous airmen, Captain Pelletier Doisy, who will be remembered in Hongkong. He intends to fly from Paris to Indo-China in two "hops." The Paris-Tokyo project is, however, a far more ambitious one.]

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS.

HOW TO KEEP WORLD'S PEACE.

Geneva, May 23.
The plenary session of the International Economic Conference, has unanimously adopted a resolution proposed by the British delegate, Mr. Arthur Pugh, recognising that the maintenance of world peace largely depends on the principles of economic policies which the nations have framed and executed, and recommending continuous attention by the Governments to this aspect.

A resolution proposed by Professor Cassel of Sweden was also unanimously approved, in favour of the development of closer international co-operation by scientific and educational institutions, and also by the help of the Press and similar information agencies.—Reuter.

Close of the Session.

The Economic Conference closed after a lengthy statement by the president, M. Theunis, who expressed the opinion that the resolutions adopted would profoundly influence the future economic policy of the world. His speech was cheered loudly and for a prolonged period, all the delegates rising in their seats.

Previously a compromise was reached as regards a difficulty in respect of the composition of the future economic organisation which will continue the work of the Conference, arising out of a Labour demand for representation in the organisation. The Soviet delegate M. Vargha, supporting Mr. Pugh's resolution, mentioned earlier, said that the Soviet authorities considered that a careful study of the problem of economic relations between different countries and the Soviet, and the establishment of the principle of co-existence of two economic systems, should be of the highest significance to the general economic situation.—Reuter.

S.S. KALYAN TO PROCEED.

CARGO GALLERIES CLEARED.

London, May 23.
The cargo in the P. and O. vessel Kalyan, which had a fire in one of the holds, has been cleared, and the galleries are now clean and dry, and reloading has begun. The ship will sail on May 24, from Port Sudan.—Reuter.

A DAY OF NOTE.

SIGNIFICANCE OF EMPIRE.

THE LOCAL OBSERVANCES.

The significance of Empire Day in Hongkong is confined mainly to school-children, and observances this morning were attended by students from the various educational institutions in the Colony. Beyond the organizing of concerts and such like social functions, there is little outward sign of any celebration among the older generation.

Men-of-war and British vessels in harbour dressed ship this morning in observance of the day. The observances at both the Protestant and Roman Catholic Cathedrals were simple in form, but not lacking in solemnity. The congregations in both instances were composed of school-children, with a detachment of Girl Guides at St. John's Cathedral.

Sermons were preached in accordance with the day, the Rev. Hyde Gosnell, R.N., occupying the pulpit at St. John's while Rev. Father McGuinness, chaplain of the Army, preached at the Catholic Cathedral.

As has always been the custom at St. Joseph's College, the students were given essays to write on subjects relating to the Empire, and at 8 o'clock the prizes for the best attempts were distributed by the Rev. Bro. Marclan, a former director of the College, who delivered an appropriate address to the students.

AT ST. JOHN'S.

Over 500 Children Present.

St. John's Cathedral presented a picturesque appearance this morning, on the occasion of its Empire Day service. Over five hundred children, drawn from all the Government schools, and also five companies of Girl Guides, attended.

Well before the service was timed to start, at nine o'clock, the children began to arrive in orderly columns, under the direction of the Rev. G. E. S. Updell, Honorary Chaplain to the Forces, who was in charge of the seating arrangements. The Girl Guides, numbering 110, who were under Mrs. W. T. Southern, and were escorted by the President of the local movement, Lady Clementi, added a pleasing touch to the scene with their uniforms.

The following schools were represented, the number from each school being shown in brackets:—St. Stephen's College (8), Queen's College (10), Rap Road School (25), Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians (27), Ellis Kadoorie School (44), Yau-mat School (28), Garrison School (18), Central British School (64), Wanchai School (52), Bellios Public School (35), Diocesan Girls' School (35), Peak School (25), Kowloon Junior School (25), Victoria British School (7), Quarry Bay School (24), St. Stephen's Girls' College (20), and Ying Wah College (20).

Other schools represented were St. Paul's College and the Diocesan Boys' School. Among those present were Mr. A. E. Brown, Director of Education, and Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools. The clergy taking part were the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, the Rev. Hyde Gosnell, R.N., the Rev. W. R. Cannell, the Rev. E. W. L. Martin, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, and the Rev. G. Stopford.

The service opened with the Processional Hymn "Brightly Gleams our Banner" which was followed by prayers and a psalm. The Rev. G. Stopford then read a lesson from Proverbs, after which Kipling's famous words were sung, "Land of our birth we pledge to thee."

After the Apostles' Creed, prayers were offered up by the Rev. Copley Moyle and the Rev. W. R. Cannell, to the Empire, the Forces, for peace and quietness, for colleges and schools, for absent friends, and thanksgiving for mercies received. Then followed the hymn "O God our help in ages past."

The Address.

An address to the children was then delivered by the Rev. Hyde Gosnell, who impressed upon

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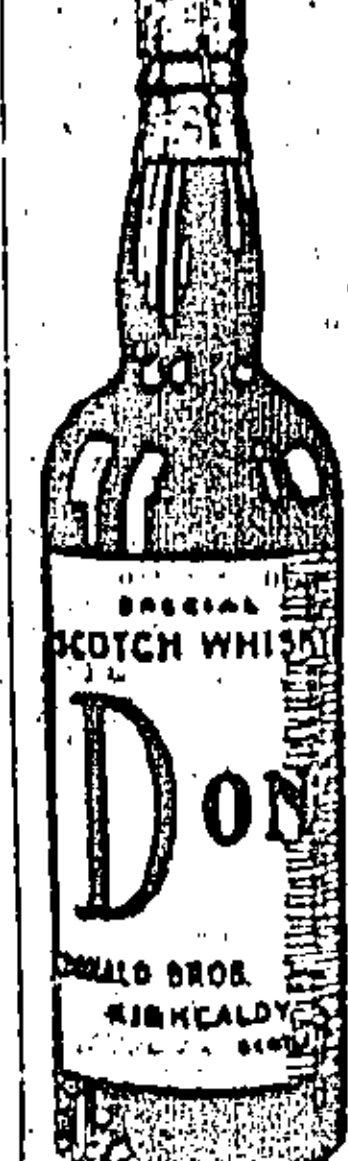
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CORONER'S ENQUIRY

WOMAN DIES UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

What appeared at first to be death from natural causes was, after an inquest held by Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon, pronounced by a jury to be death as a result of drowning.

On or about April 18, a Chinese woman, the wife of a stone driller who worked in Castle Peak, passed away in Aberdeen in a lonely little cottage occupied by her and two tiny children. The husband had last seen his wife two weeks before her death and had since then gone out to his work at Castle Peak.

There was a friend whom the couple knew. He was an unemployed coolie with no fixed abode and it was he who, on finding the dead body of the wife in the cottage, hastened out to Castle Peak to apprise the husband of the sad news. He could not be produced at the inquest simply because he could not be traced but the police have no suspicion of the man at all.

The bereaved husband returned with all speed to his cottage at Aberdeen and when he returned he found his two children awaiting him. He saw his wife in the bed, dead for some time, and could not understand how she could so suddenly die. The children were too small to be able to tell anything the elder of the two being just able to mumble the words that the mother had been sick for the last two or three days.

Prior to the return of the husband to his cottage at Aberdeen, the landlady had called at the cottage. The rent of the little place, cottage, vegetable field, hen roost and all cost \$35 a year. The rent had been in arrears but the landlady was of good nature and did not press the struggling couple. She called in the hope of getting some part of the \$35. When she entered the house all was still and she noticed the form of a woman in the bed covered up with a quilt. She approached the bed, drew the quilt aside and to her horror saw a dead woman. She fled from the scene, telling no one of her experience.

When the husband of the deceased returned to his cottage the landlady met him and he told her that he was too poor to pay for the funeral expenses and would leave the question of burial in the hands of the Tung Wah Hospital.

Post Mortem Report.

In due course the body was removed to the Public Mortuary where a post mortem examination by Dr. Cannon revealed the startling fact that the woman was obviously drowned. Dr. Cannon's report was as follows:

"The face was ashy pale but the expression was peaceful. There was a presence of a fine froth around the mouth and nose tinged with blood. Fragments appearing to be an aquatic plant were found in the nostrils and in the mouth. The body surface was goose-skinned. Rigor mortis had practically passed off, the hands alone being clenched. Dirt was found underneath the nails. Decomposition had set in around the head and neck which condition only occurs in putrefaction in water and in hanging. The decomposition was so advanced that it was not considered wise to do more than an external examination. On pressure over the thorax, water containing fine green grass and gas escaped from the mouth and nostrils, the latter being probably due to decomposition. Pressure over the stomach caused water to appear at the back of the throat. It has been shown that this latter observation may be a source of fallacy in rare cases when the possibility of water having been drunk immediately prior to death has occurred. According to an authority (Dr. Brend of London, who is also a Barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple) putrefaction of the body would show in about 8 to 14 days in England and probably just half that period in the tropics. I make a diagnosis of death due to

CHINA CRISIS.

OVERNIGHT CABLES.

Japanese Precautions.

Peking, May 23.
A telegram from Chengchow announces that the Japanese community at Chengchow have decided to send all women and children to Peking in view of the fact that the Honan theatre of war is shifting northward.—*Reuter*.

Alleged Breach of Neutrality.

Considerable agitation is now going on amongst several local organizations against the alleged action of the Japanese in assisting the Fengtien militarists by repairing several men-of-war of the Taingtao squadron at the dock yards in Port Arthur, says the N. C. D. News of May 19.

A mass meeting attended by about 300 members of the Shanghai Special District Kuomintang was held at West Gate on Tuesday afternoon at which several speakers denounced the Japanese imperialists, saying that this action shows that the spirit which animated the Japanese when they presented the 21 demands was still in existence. The Chinese people should be careful of the actions of the Japanese. After several speakers had endorsed these views, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the Nationalist Government in Nanking should telegraph a protest against the breach of neutrality.

2. That a manifesto should be issued denouncing Japanese imperialism.

3. That a warning should be sent to the Japanese cabinet about the measures being taken.

4. That a circular telegram should be sent to various governments throughout the world reporting the action.

5. That an organization to be called the Shanghai Citizens' Diplomatic Support Society should be formed to deal with the case.

When the meeting dispersed the members marched away shouting the following slogans:

"Overthrow the Japanese imperialists and the Fengtien and Shantung militarists;" "Let us break through the united front of the imperialists and militarists;" "The imperialists have always been the supporters of the militarists;" "The Japanese Government is the sole imperialist power of the Far East;" "Let us restore Port Arthur and Delany;" "Abrogate the unequal treaties between China and Japan;" "Endeavour to unite the revolutionary forces in China and let all the revolutionary bodies in China and Japan co-operate."

Chengchow Captured.

Shanghai, May 23.
A wireless message from Hankow says that military headquarters here claim that the "Christian" General Fung Yu-hsiang is advancing from Honanfu and has captured Chengchow.—*Reuter*.

drowning as the primary cause and asphyxia as the secondary cause on the evidence given."

In answer to the Coroner the doctor said that it was not possible that the woman could have choked or poisoned herself as the putrefaction of the head and neck was against that theory.

In summing up the Coroner reminded the jury that the rent was in arrears and that the husband in his evidence had said that he had no money at all—not even to bury the wife. Perhaps this fact may have preyed on the woman's mind and may have been an inducement for her to take her life. The only other theory was that the green grass found in her throat was poison.

The jury after a deliberation of ten minutes returned the sensational verdict of death from drowning presumably through misadventure and made no comment on the fact that the woman was found in her house lying in her bed.

THE FLOODS.

RIVERS RISING ALL OVER THE PROVINCE.

Canton, May 22.

According to latest reports from different parts of the province, not only is the West River threatened by flood, but the East, North and Small North Rivers are also rising rapidly and a province wide flood is feared this summer.

A Sheklung report states that Chuling, on the upper East River, has already been flooded and considerable damage to houses and fields there has been caused. On the lower course of the river the lower level places in Tungkun, Poklo and Changching districts are also under water.

Reports from Yingtak, on the North River state that a fierce storm took place a few days ago and heavy rains continue. The river is very rapid and has risen nine feet. On the 17th. two boats capsized at Linkonghau.

The Small North river is also rising rapidly and most of the villages and rice fields there are covered by five to six feet of water. Wuchow reports indicate that the river there has risen further, and several of the streets near the water front have been flooded. The flood is beginning to reach Shuhing, Samshui and Hohow also. Villagers on the West River are busily repairing the dykes.

A Samshui report dated the 20th. stated that the people in the lower streets are moving away. The water went down by six or seven feet during the 15th, and 16th, but on the 17th. it was up again and was four feet higher than the mark reached on the 15th.

The Canton river was yesterday nearly as high as the Bund and the ferry boats between the Bund and Honam are taking great care. According to the boat people the river will continue to rise.

THE ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

RUSSIA ABANDONS ADVERSE ATTITUDE.

Geneva, May 23.

Although the rupture in the Economic Conference seemed inevitable in consequence of the Russian delegates' attitude the Co-ordination Committee including British and United States members stuck to their guns and the Russians gave way.

The Russian delegates are receiving congratulations for the spirit of conciliation which is believed to have actuated them as a result of the frequent consultations the Russians have been having with the American delegates in reference to the subject of obtaining credits. On this account the Russians have abandoned their hitherto uncompromising attitude.

Chuan Chao, representing China, in the course of yesterday's debate expressed satisfaction at the adoption of the principle of commercial equality and reciprocity and assured the Conference of China's co-operation in carrying it out. He accepted that the Conference tacitly approved the Chinese claim to possess reasonable revenue tariffs. He voted for the reports before the Conference without prejudice to China's claims for the abolition of extraterritorial consular jurisdiction, besides other fiscal restrictions.—*Reuter*.

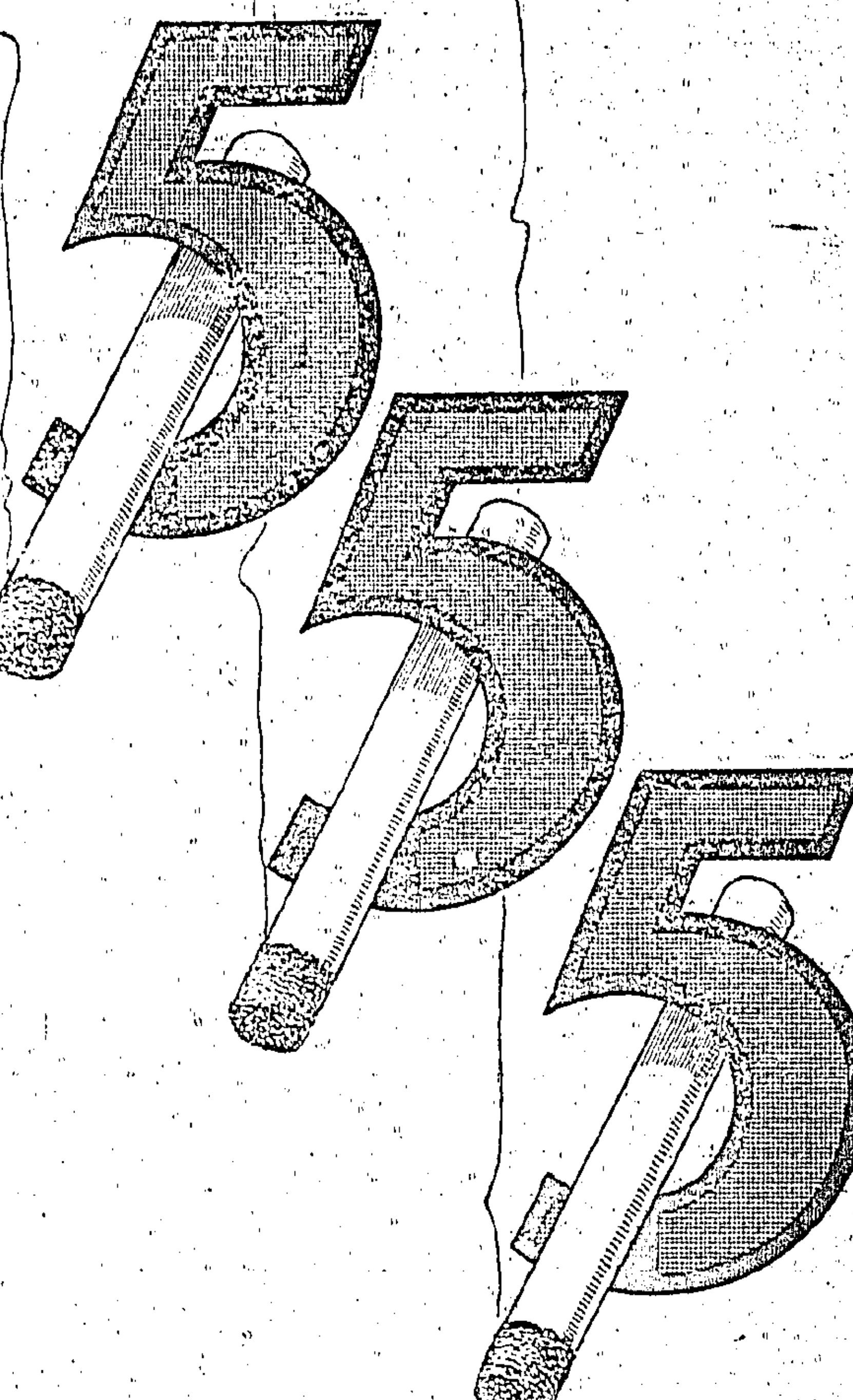
Later.
The United States delegation to the Economic Conference emphatically deny that they and the Soviet delegates have negotiated regarding loans and credits.—*Reuter*.

THE ROYAL TOUR.

SAIL FROM PETH.

Perth, W. Australia, May 23.
H. M. S. Renown with the Duke and Duchess of York aboard has sailed for England.—*Reuter*.

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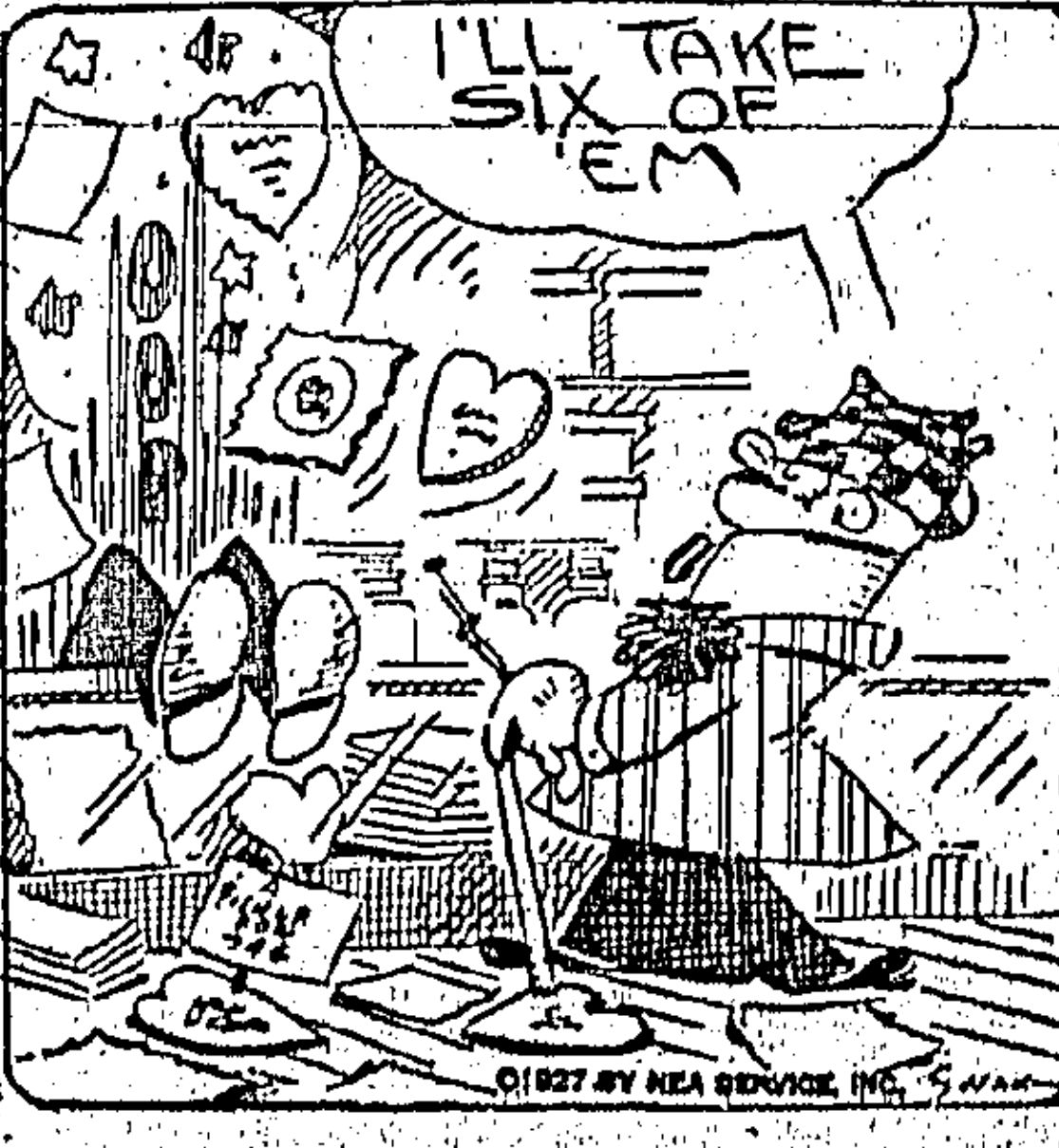
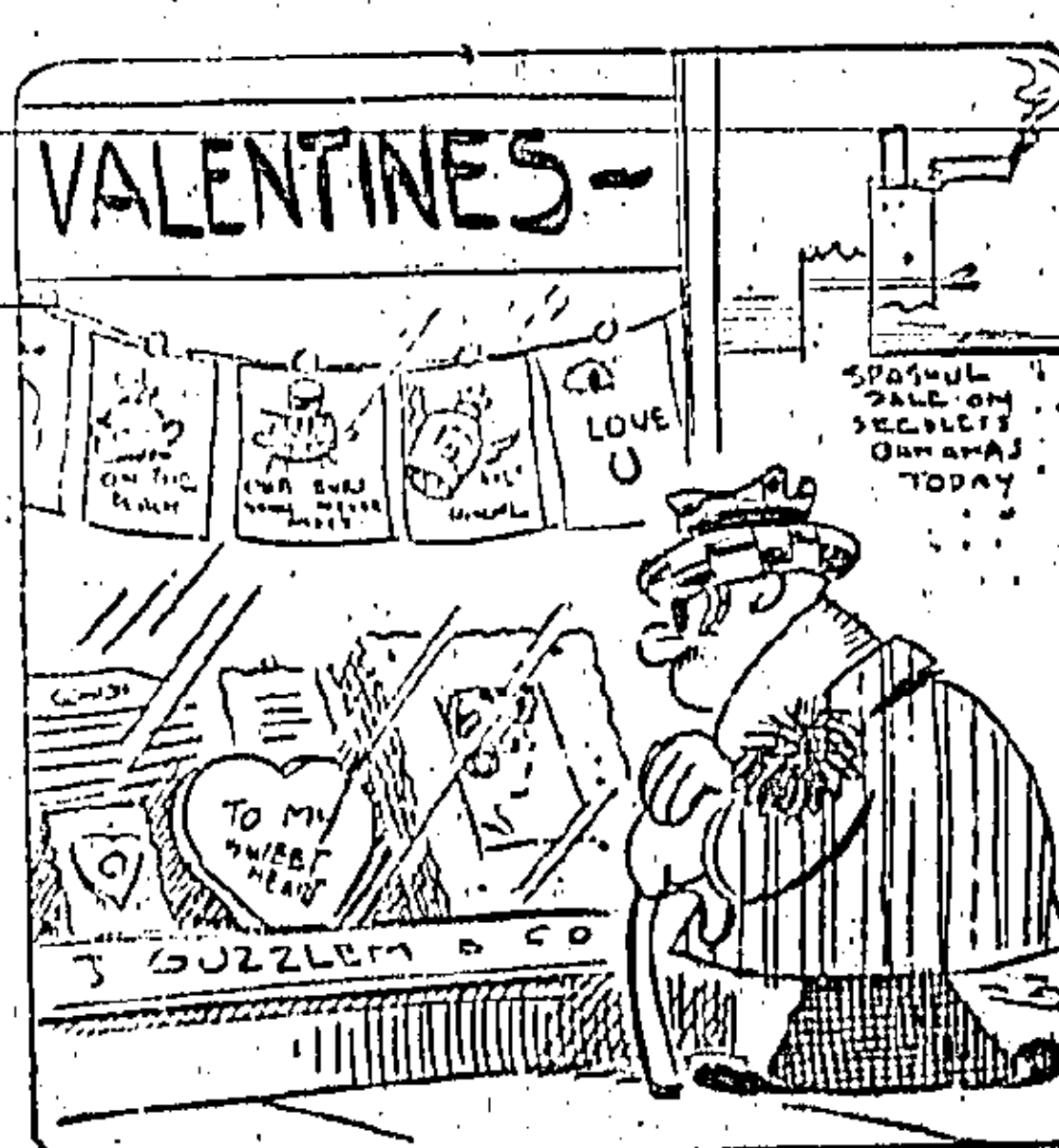
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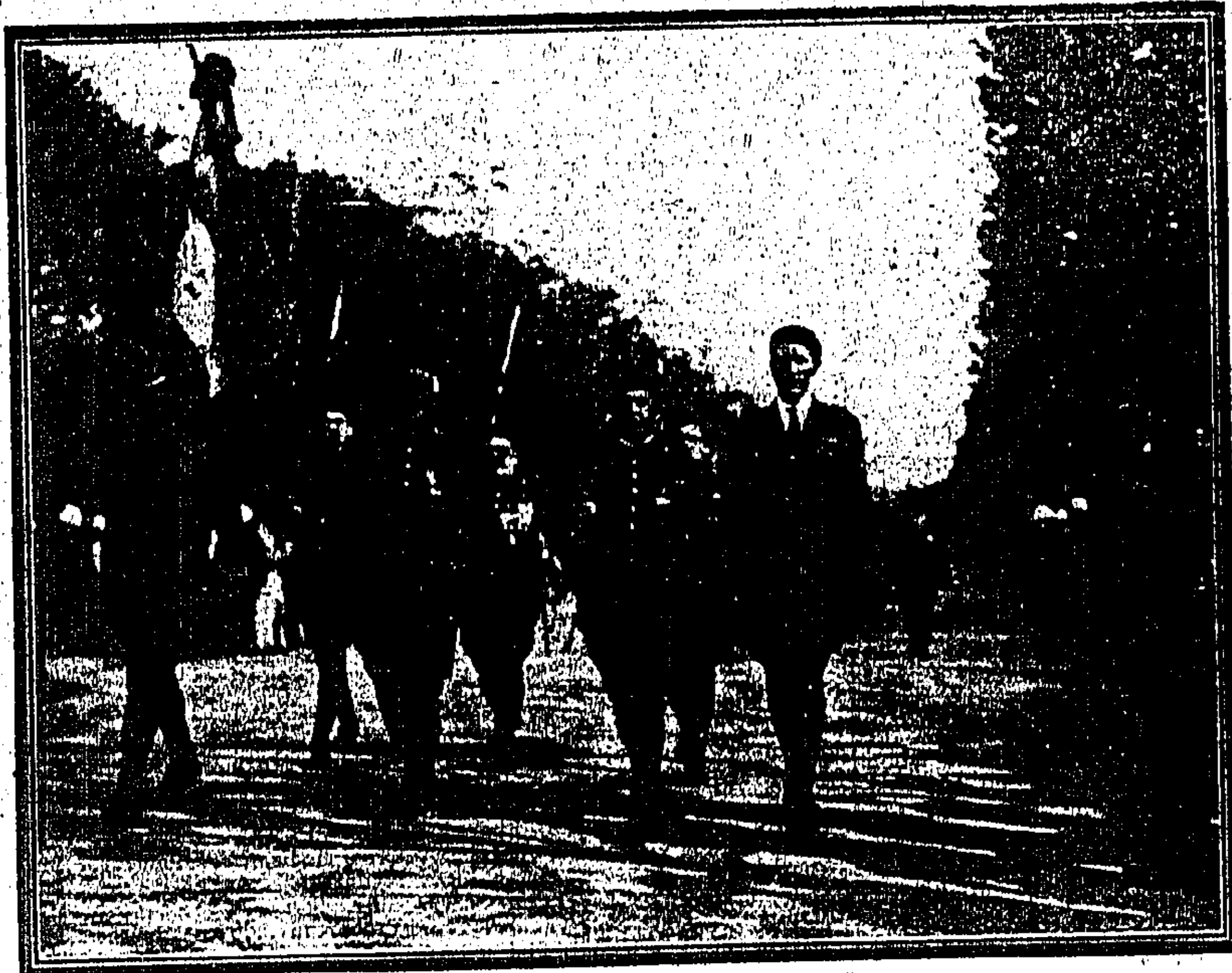


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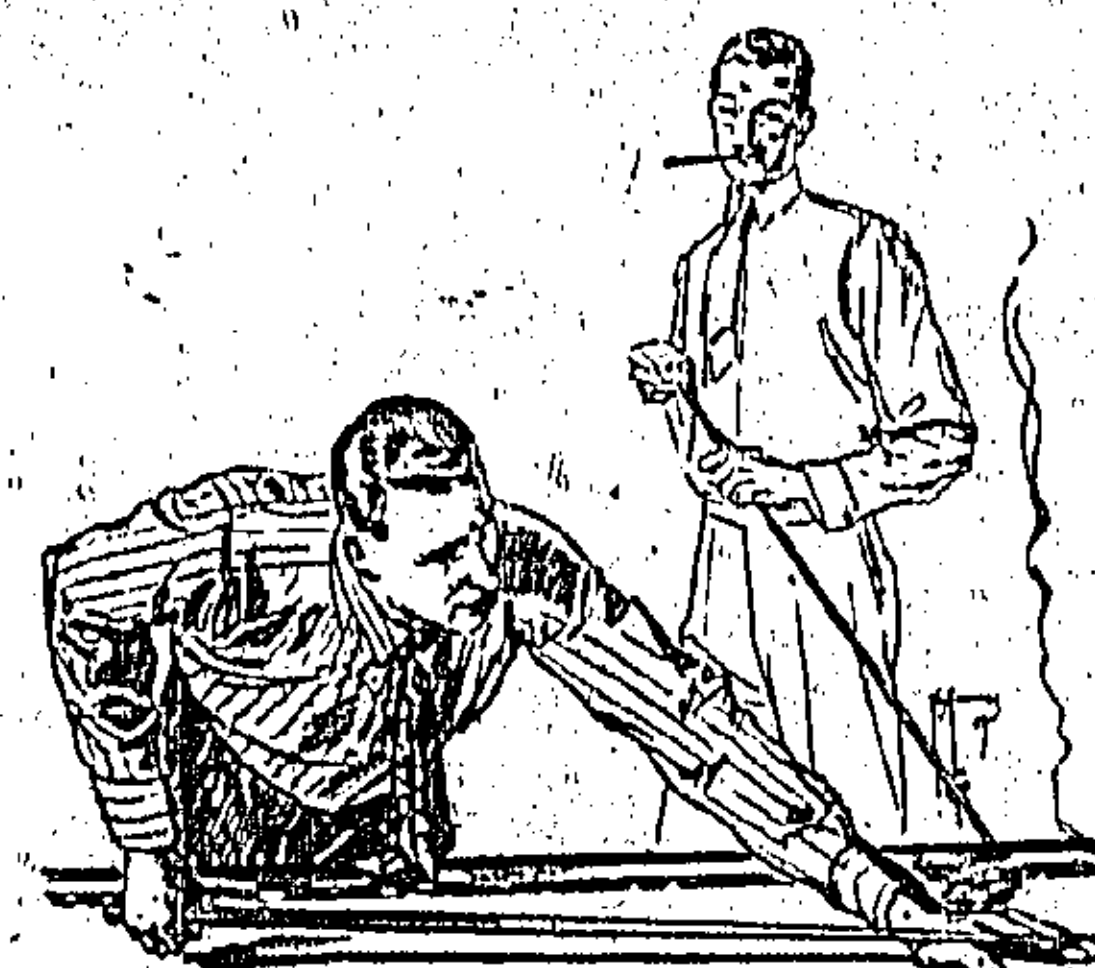


VIVE LA FRANCE.—The colours on parade at Shanghai, when Admiral Basire and Consul-General Naggiar (seen on the extreme right) took the salute from French troops in the Koukaza Gardens.



U. S. REINFORCEMENTS.—Some of the U. S. Marines who reached Shanghai on the Transport Henderson. They are successors of the 5th and 6th Marines of Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood fame.

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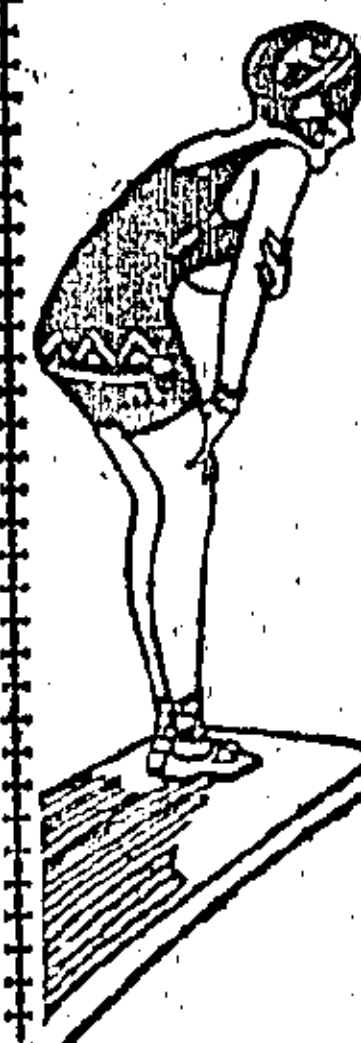
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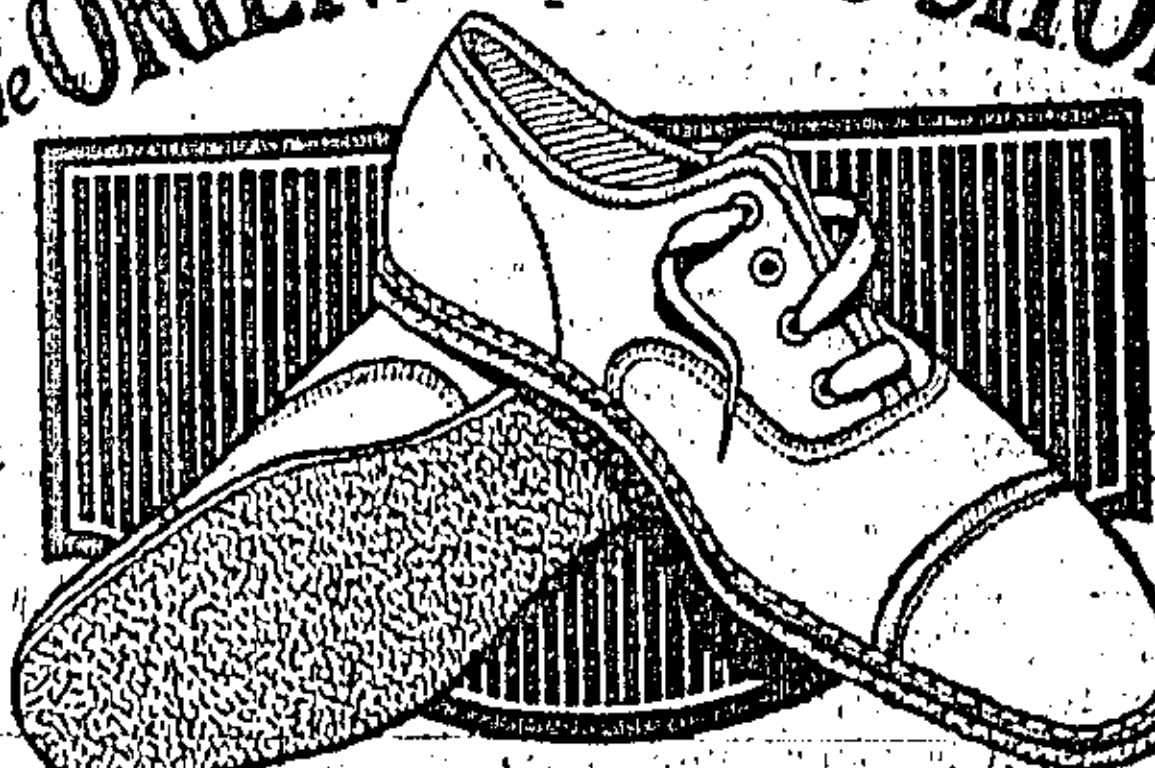
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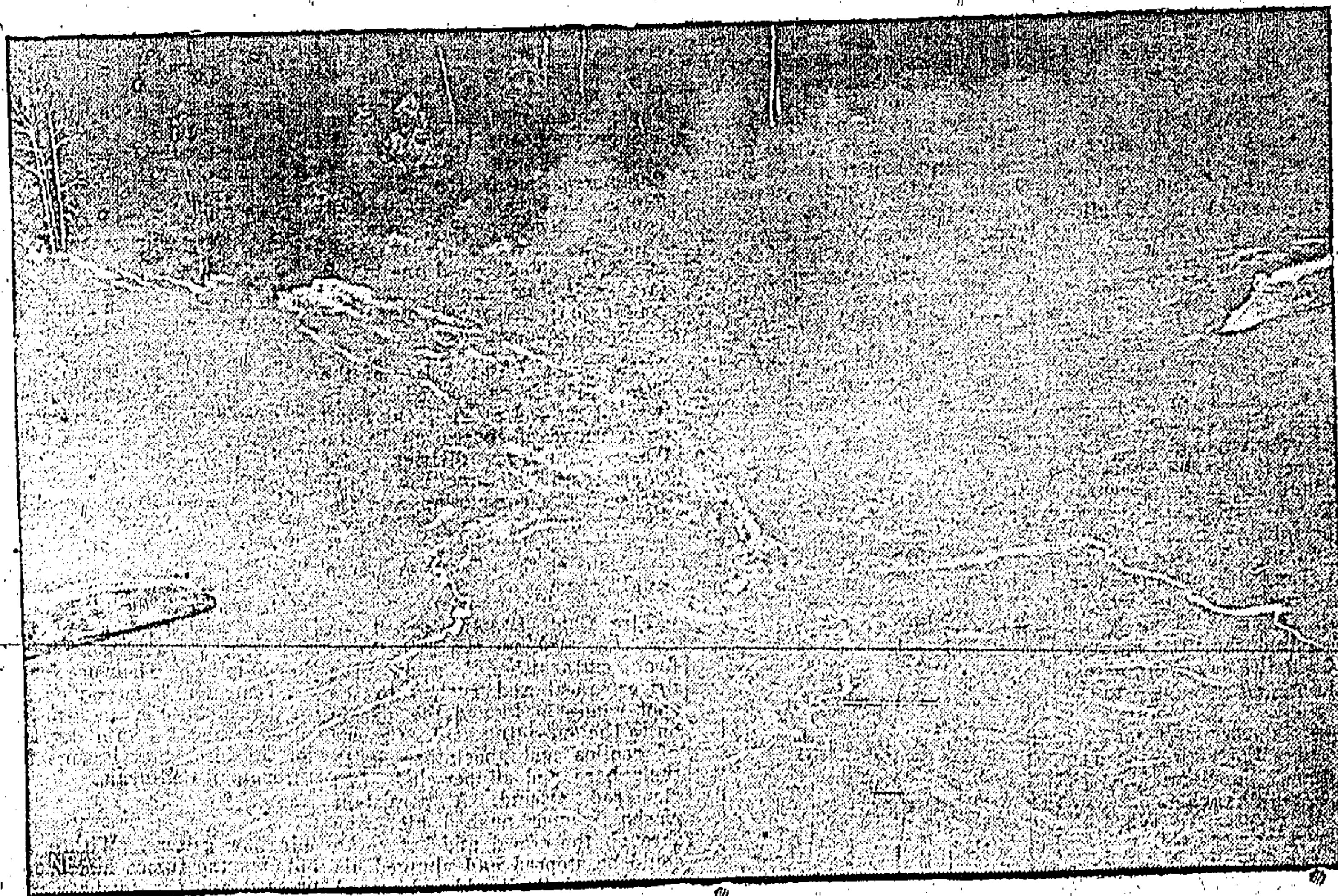
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POPULAR WEDDING.—Group taken after the wedding at St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai, of Mr. Joseph Thomas Pavitt and Miss Anna Maria Ceschin. The bride was given away by Mr. A. C. Thomas, Mrs. Gina Gaeta was matron of honour and Mr. H. C. W. Richards was best man.



LEAVING NEW YORK.—They're tramping along Park Row, New York City, in this early morning photo—but since then they have been marching through Shanghai. It is a column of Marines, ordered out from their New York station to join the reconstituted Sixth regiment at Philadelphia, and leave for the troubled Orient by way of San Diego. In the distance looms the New York Municipal building.



THREAT TO U. S. CITY.—Hovering in his plane, the cameraman finds a big levee breach as the rushing water eats away the sides of the Mississippi bank. The gap, at first small, soon spreads and the full force of the Mississippi spills out through the hole and across the countryside. The broken ends of the levee are shown to the left and right of the picture. Through this gap, the water rushed on to New Madrid, flooding the whole city.



MURDER EVIDENCE.—

This shows Louis Mazer, the man whose story on the verge of his trial for murder, the U. S. police say, cleared up the famous Canton, Ohio, murder of Don Mellett, crusading editor.

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TO LET.—From 1st June, furnished flat at Mount Kellet, No. 196, The Peak. Apply Property Office, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

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HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

All proposed alterations to the rules of the above Association, the Challenge Shield Competition, Lai Wah Cup and Sunday Herald Charity Cup Competitions must be forwarded to the undersigned not later than the 31st May, 1927.

W. E. HOLLANDS, Secretary.

P. O. Box 233.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

NOTICE.

A MEETING of MEMBERS of the Club will be held in the Pavilion on TUESDAY, 31st May, 1927, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering a proposal by the Committee to add a second storey to the Pavilion and make other additions and improvements to the building. Plans may be seen in the Pavilion.

By Order of the Committee, L. S. GREENHILL, Hon. Secretary, Hongkong, May 24, 1927.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE.

From this date and during the absence of the undersigned from the Colony, Mr. W. E. Smith is appointed Acting General Manager of the Society.

By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager, Hongkong, 20th May, 1927.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

From this date and during the absence of the undersigned from the Colony, Mr. W. E. Smith is appointed Acting General Manager of the Company.

By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager, Hongkong, 20th May, 1927.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

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From this date and during the absence of the undersigned from the Colony, Mr. W. E. Smith is appointed Acting General Manager of the Company.

By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager, Hongkong, 20th May, 1927.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on Tuesday, 7th June, 1927, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926. The transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 26th May, to 7th June, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON AND CO., LTD., General Agents, Hongkong, 16th May, 1927.

THE PRINCE'S BUILDING AND LAND CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of the Company will be held at its office, Prince's Building, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 31st May, 1927, at 4.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors to the Shareholders and a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THE COMPANY will be closed from Friday, 27th May, 1927, to Tuesday, 31st May, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, S. K. MOOSA, Secretary, Hongkong, 16th May, 1927.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Official Receiver, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY,

the 25th May, 1927,

commencing at 11 a.m.

At the Hang Fung Rice Shop (in Bankruptcy), No. 116, Connaught Road, West.

About 746 Bags Slam White Rice.

" 190 " Saigon White Rice.

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" 12 " Broken Siam Rice.

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Capt. L. M. Gordon, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this port on or about Wednesday, the 25th May, 1927, at daylight taking Passengers and Cargo, for the above Ports.

Silk, Valuables and Tea for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Bombay into the Mail Steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this office until Noon the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages must be declared. For further particulars, apply to

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & COMPANY, Agents, Hongkong, 20th May, 1927.

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All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 6th June, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 30th May, 1927, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

General Agents, Hongkong, May 24, 1927.

LLOYD TRIESTINO NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 24th inst.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th inst. will be subject to rent.

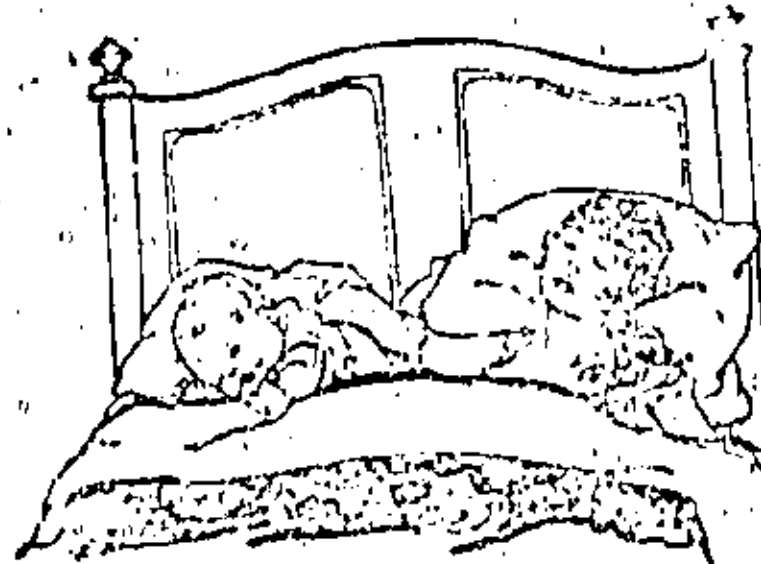
All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 9th prox. or they will not be recognized.

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More money each year is spent by the American people for precious stones. Last year the gems imported were worth \$50,051,231 (gold) exceeding by five millions the 1925 total. Diamond imports alone during 1926 came to \$51,000,000. Pearls were next, at about five and a half million, according to government statistics.

REVENUE FROM GOLF.

STATE COURSE IN WINDSOR FOREST.

A novel plan for producing revenue has been approved by the British Treasury. Part of Windsor Great Forest, which was sequestered during the war, and has since been more or less unproductive, is to be converted into two eighteen-hole golf courses. The schemes submitted by the Commissioners of Crown Lands, who are responsible for the administration of the Estate, and the work of laying out the courses begun some months ago.

Well-known people in Windsor and the district were approached, and they agreed it would be an easy matter to establish a golf club if the estate were also developed for building purposes. A Committee was formed, and when the courses are completed, the cost of which will be borne by the State, they will become the lessees.

"At the moment there are about twelve hundred acres capable of building development," an official of the Crown Lands Department told a Press representative in mail week. "There is nothing now in the State becoming ground landlords, but this is the first time we have undertaken the construction of golf courses. The idea occurred to us because this particular part of the forest has been practically derelict since the war, and even if we replanted it would be very costly and many, many years before there would be any possibility of a return upon the expenditure."

"In leasing the sites for building we shall place a restriction upon the class of houses to be erected. All plans will have to be submitted to the Commissioners for approval. Our view is that on one portion of the estate there should be erected houses which are likely to prove attractive as good country residences. There is, however, plenty of space for the erection of smaller and cheaper houses."

"The golf courses will be laid out by the autumn, and we anticipate they should be ready for play about May of next year. We are hopeful that this new enterprise will eventually be productive of a good national revenue."

SHANGHAI TRAFFIC PROBLEM.

NEW SYSTEM TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION.

Additional measures for the convenience of the travelling public of Shanghai especially aimed at facilitating the passage of traffic along one of the city's main thoroughfares, Nanking Road, went into effect on Tuesday last when a synchronized system of traffic signals at the Szechuen, Kiangse and Honan Road intersections commenced operations.

The new system is arranged so as to permit east and west traffic along Nanking Road to flow continuously without interruptions at each separate intersection as heretofore, says the Shanghai Times. The traffic policeman at the Szechuen-Nanking Roads intersection is given control of the traffic, and, by means of a buzzer, signals the traffic policeman at the Kiangse and Honan Roads intersections who switch their lights simultaneously to correspond with the Szechuen Road signal, thus permitting a steady stream of traffic to flow without interruption through what is undoubtedly the busiest portion of the Central district and the most difficult to control.

By means of the new traffic signal system much of the usual midday congestion is expected to be abolished and further improvements, in the form of prohibiting right-hand turns at Kiangse Road during the rush hours, are also to be put into effect. This measure will apply between the hours of 11.20 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 4 and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Another new measure adopted by the Traffic Department is the discontinuance of the Szechuen Road tram stop.



Many a queen has been lost in the shuffle.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

RADIO TELEGRAMS may now be accepted for Kongmoon under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

During the interruption of the Hongkong-Macao cable service the Macao Radio Station will remain open for the exchange of telegrams with Hongkong from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Hongkong Station is always open and messages are accepted at any time throughout the 24 hours.

Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superimposed.

The Radio Telegraph Service between Hongkong and Swatow has been resumed and telegrams for Swatow are now accepted under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

Parcel Post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan	Mishima Maru	May 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II	May 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Angers	May 24.
Shanghai	Pres. Madison	May 24.
Straits	Nyanza	May 25.
Manila	Sinkiang	May 25.
Shanghai	Trobartha	May 25.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers)		
London 28th April, and parcels	Mantua	May 25.
21st April	Morea	May 25.
Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	May 25.
Straits	Empress of Canada	May 30.
Manila	Aeneas	May 30.
Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	June 6.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai		

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Angers	Tues., May 24, noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Nyanza	Tues., May 24, noon.
Amoy	Kum Sang	Tues., May 24, 5 p.m.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Taiwan Maru	Wed., May 25, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Mishima Maru	Wed., May 25, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 6th June).
Saigon and Bangkok	Kohso Maru	Wed., May 25, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Nyanza	Wed., May 25, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Van Heutsz	Thurs., May 26, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Chenan	Thurs., May 26, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hopsang	Thurs., May 26, 1 p.m.
Swatow	Fromont	Thurs., May 26, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Haiching	Fri., May 27, Noon.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Sinkiang	Fri., May 27, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Morea	Sat., May 28, G.P.O. K.P.O. Parcels 27th 5.00 p.m. 4.50 p.m. Reg. 28th 9.45 a.m. 9.00 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 24th June).
Sandakan	Hinsang	Sat., May 28, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Kaijo Maru	Sun., May 29, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Hakozaki Maru	Mon., May 30, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Aeneas	Tues., May 31, G.P.O. K.P.O. Reg. 3.45 a.m. Reg. 9 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 2nd July).
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Taiyo Maru	Tues., May 31, 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Tues., May 31, 1 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Siberia	Emp. of Canada	Wed., June 1, Registration 8.15 a.m. Letters 9.10 a.m. 9.10 a.m. (Due Vancouver, B.C., 19th June.)
Java and Batavia	Tjekarang	Thurs., June 2, 11.30 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

VITRIOL SPILLED.

PROMPT ACTION BY SHANGHAI FIRE CHIEF.

The quick eye and presence of mind of Shanghai's fire chief were the prime factors in averting a serious situation on Wednesday afternoon at the west end of Tiendong Road, close to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, says the Shanghai Times. At this spot several coolies, members of a handcart crew who were loading large jars of nitric acid, dropped one of the jars and the fuming contents poured over the cobblestone road in alarming manner.

Mr. Dyson, Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, happened to be passing the end of Tiendong Road on a round of inspection in the West Hongkong district. He glanced up Tiendong Road and observed the commotion and the nitrous fumes which rapidly rose from the ground and spread in all directions as the afternoon breeze caught them.

Fire Chief Dyson stopped his car, snatched up the little brass fire extinguisher beside the driver's seat and rushed to the spot where he turned the stream on to the spreading acid. Crowds of coolies and spectators with their bare and slipper-clad feet clustered around. A persistent richia runner pushed his way through the crowd and before he could be stopped had plunged his way through the liquid and burned his feet.

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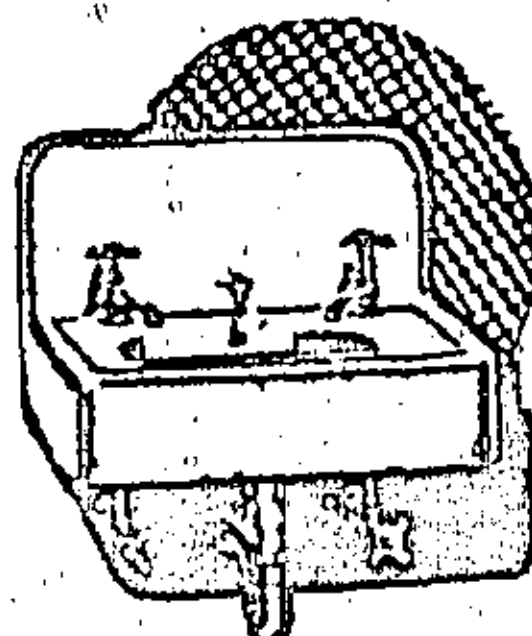
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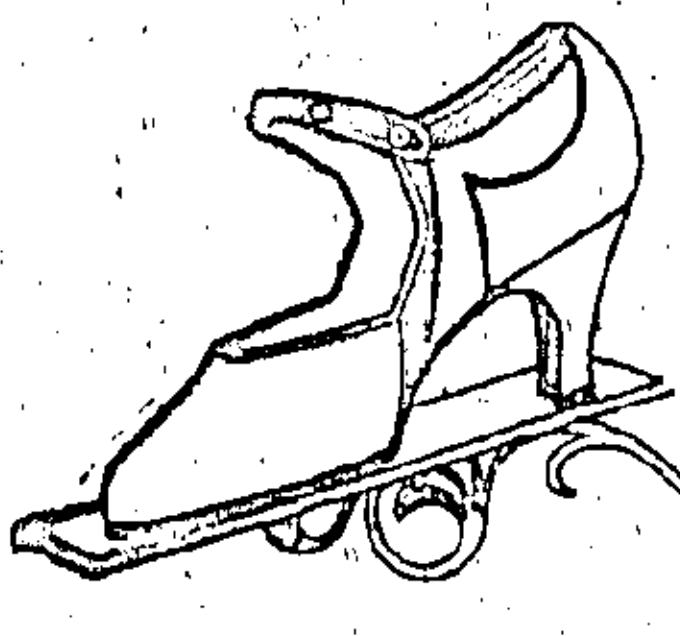
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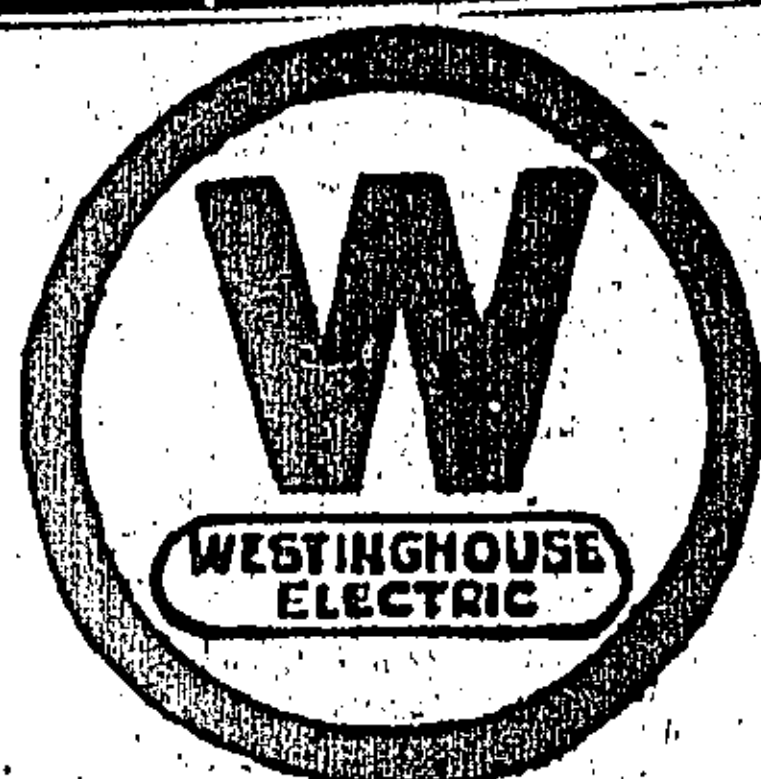


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QUAINT CEREMONY BEFORE
THE KING.

PREDICTION OF RAINFALL.

Before a record number of
spectators the Ruck-Na or Com-
memoration of Ploughing ceremony,
was held on May 6 in Rama VI
Road in the Phva Thai district,
Siam.

The King and Queen arrived
shortly before 10 o'clock and H.
E. Chao Phya Balmadeb, the Minis-
ter of Agriculture, made his obeis-
ance before Their Majesties.

In a special pavilion constructed
for him His Excellency made
a short prayer and then selected
from a tray one of three "panung."
He chose one of four "kueb" in
width (about 40 inches), the other
two being five and six "kueb" res-
pectively. He was then helped to
put it on.

Ceremonial Plough.

After a second obeisance before
the King he took hold of the
handle of the ceremonial plough
to which was yoked a pair of bul-
locks especially dressed for the
occasion.

The Brahmin priests sounded
the conch shells which was fol-
lowed by the beating of a gong
three times and a man preceding
the ceremonial party sprinkled
holy water over the ground.

When the plough had encircled
the area six times, four elderly
women termed the "Nang Debi"
appeared carrying small baskets
suspended on poles across their
shoulders.

Scattering the Seeds.

The Minister of Agriculture
took a handful of paddy from one
basket and more from another and
scattered the seeds around.

After the sowing the bullocks
were unhoked and led to two
separate trays filled with food and
drink such as grass, paddy, maize,
beans and other vegetables in
order that they might make a
selection.

The animals chose maize, or
Indian corn, and would not touch
anything else.

Prophecies.

The ceremony ended with the
Brahmins making predictions for
next year's crops and rainfall.
They declared that only one-tenth
of the paddy crop would be dam-
aged. Fish and fruit will be
plentiful and there will be plenty
of rain.

According to their forecast the
rainfall this year will be 20 inches
more than last year.

**CATHEDRAL
MARRIAGE.**

**DEAN OF MANCHESTER'S
STATEMENT.**

The revelation that for some
years past marriage have been per-
formed in Manchester Cathedral
when neither of the parties was
entitled by residence to be married
there has caused a profound stir
in church circles in the North.
The facts were brought to light
through the remarkable decrease in
the number of weddings performed
at the cathedral just recently.

The Dean of Manchester (Dr.
Hewlett Johnson) made a state-
ment last month about the allega-
tions that residential qualifications
had not been fulfilled, and that an
official of the cathedral had accept-
ed £1 to make it possible for a
couple to be married there. He
said that when the allegations
were brought to his atten-
tion in November he drafted
a special notice in co-operation
with the Somerset House au-
thorities explaining exactly the
conditions under which a marriage in
the cathedral was permissible.

ILOILO "EMPEROR."

INTERVIEWED AT MANILA.

Dr. Elias Domingo, represent-
ing San Lazaro Hospital, Captain
Jose Quimbo and secret service
men boarded the Vizcaya soon
after it docked at the Muelle de
la Industria early last Friday
morning. Thirty minutes later they
descended with Florencio Intren-
cherado, who happy and jovial,
saluted the public and shook hands
with press representatives. He
was taken to the San Lazaro Hos-
pital in a waiting ambulance, re-
ports the Manila Bulletin.

Intrencherado was accompanied
by his wife, Rosalia Laygo de Na-
tividad, his niece and his attorney.
At San Lazaro Hospital, he was
questioned for nearly half an hour
before he was confined to Ward
No. 1, division of contagious dis-
eases. According to Dr. Catalino
Gavino, director of the institu-
tion, he will be kept there until
otherwise ordered by the governor
general.

Whether or not Intrencherado
is insane will be determined by
Dr. Elias S. Domingo, alienist in
the San Lazaro Hospital. He will
be subjected to minute observa-
tion and examination for several
weeks. Dr. Domingo expects to
make a report on his observations
within a reasonable time.

Tells Story of Life.

In an interview, Intrencherado
said:
"I was born on the island of
Corregidor in 1871, of poor
parents. At the age of two, my
parents brought me to Manila and
then to Cavite. In Manila, I work-
ed for some Spaniards who treated
me badly. In Cavite, my parents
died and then I began to work
for my own living.

"Yes sir, I never saw the in-
side of any school and the Spanish
that I know I learned in my eight
years of continuous sailing on
board ships for Spain. I was
chief steward in ten different
ships plying between the Philip-
pines and Europe. I saw Spain,
France and Italy and studied all
the towns I visited."

He talked about his great pro-
jects, his dream of seeing the
Philippines independent when he
can then command and proclaim
himself Emperor.

"I shall never forget our pre-
sent leaders although they worked
in vain. I shall appoint
Quezon king of the first district of
Luzon, Aguinaldo king of the
second district, and Osmeña king
of Cebu and Esteban de la Rama
vice king of Panay. All shall be
under my jurisdiction and with
their help I shall create the base
of the greatest nation of the world.

"I wrote President Coolidge and
Chief Justice Taft sending each of
them a photograph of me in my
uniform and crown. I told them
I favour Liberty for the Philippines
and I promise to make the Philip-
pines the greatest nation in the
world." He said he had not yet
received replies of his letters.

When asked why he uses Intren-
cherado instead of Natividad, he
said smiling that he was born in
Corregidor where there are found
many trenches. He will found his
monarchy in a place surrounded
by trenches so he preferred using
Intrencherado instead of his
family name.

"I like the name because it
signifies great things."

When people who had come to be
married had given him the address
of an hotel in the Cathedral parish,
he had had no reason to disbelieve
them, and had concluded they were
staying for the proscribed period.

Had his attention been drawn to
the fact that any applicant had
given false information, he would
have made inquiries. He had not,
he added, heard of a cathedral
official offering to enable people to
marry in the cathedral for money.
Such a thing was against the cathe-
dral regulations, and any official
who did it, if it had been done,
would be reprimanded.

**CRIME IN MALAYA ON
INCREASE.**

SERIES OF "HOLD-UPS" IN
TWO DAYS.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER CASE.

Singapore, May 14.—A daring
armed gang robbery took place
within two hundred yards of
Kreta Ayer police station at about
12.30 a.m. to-day. The complain-
ant, a Chinese towkay named Eu
Eng Siew, was riding in a rick-
sha along Maxwell Road when
three Chinese came up and stop-
ped the vehicle. After brandish-
ing knives they ordered the com-
plainant to hand over his money.
This he did giving them \$600.

The three men then ran away,
while the towkay went to Kreta
Ayer station and reported the
theft. Police together with the
complainant got into a car and
made a search for the robbers but
could not find them.

Gunmen Active.

Singapore, May 15.—Between 5
and 6 a.m. yesterday a Chinese
ice-water seller and his friend
were walking along Church Street
when suddenly a shot rang out
and the water seller was struck
in the stomach by a bullet and fell
to the ground.

His friend took him to Tan
Teck Seng's Hospital where he
made a statement before a magis-
trate in the course of which he
said that he did not know from
where the shot came or why it
was fired. His friend corroborat-
ed the statement.

Later the same day the wound-
ed man died. No arrests have yet
been made.

Watchman's Discovery.

Singapore, May 16.—No arrests
have yet been made in connexion
with the murder committed on the
esplanade on Friday night, May
13. The crime was discovered by
a Bengali watchman in the em-
ployment of the Singapore Cricket
Club who was going on his rounds
about half-past ten when he found
the body of a dead Chinese lying
on the grass with a dagger plung-
ed half way up to the hilt into
the right side of the neck.

Near the scene of the tragedy
an iron bar was found neatly
wrapped up in paper, and also a
piece of paper laid out on the
ground.

Robbery and Murder.

Penang, May 16.—Armed rob-
bers broke into a house in Green
Lane early on Friday morning.

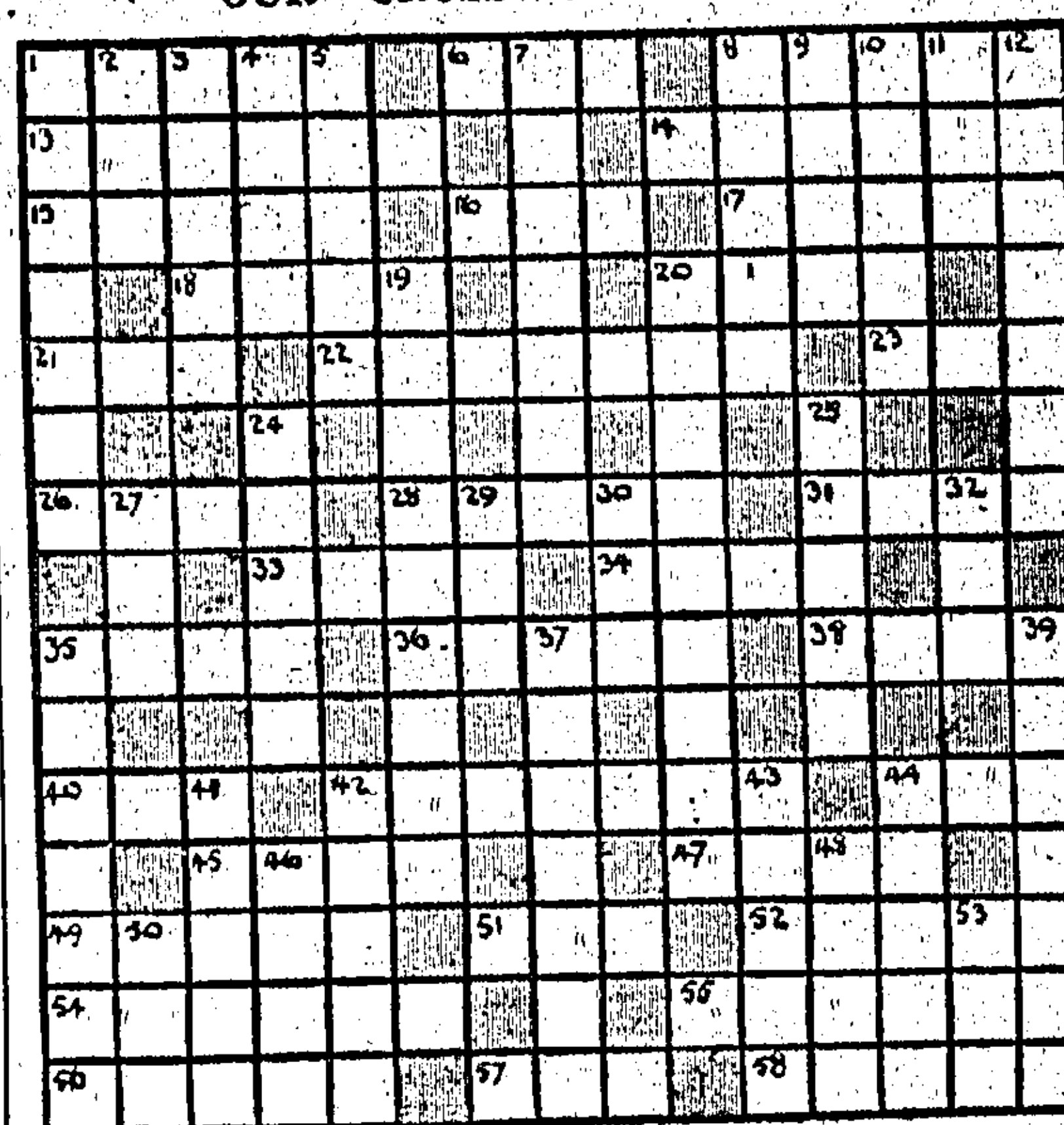
After tying up the occupants,
two Chinese women, they ransack-
ed the house and took possession
of all jewellery and cash.

Cries for help brought neigh-
bours to their assistance. One of
the women was found to have
been stabbed in the abdomen.
She was taken to hospital and died
after admission.

The robbers decamped with their
booty. As a result of investiga-
tions, the police arrested a Chin-
ese.

St. John, New Brunswick.—
What may portend a considerable
increase in immigration to Canada
is the arrival here of Senator Dr.
Willebald Wiercinsky of the Dan-
zig Free State, and Oscar H.
Grieser, director of immigration
for that country, who come here
via the Canadian Pacific Liner
"Minnesoda." They will tour
Canada to investigate immigra-
tion conditions and oppor-
tunities; then seek an in-
terview with the Hon. Charles
Stewart, Minister of the Interior,
thence to Winnipeg to investigate
conditions for settlers and farm
help. They will also go to British
Columbia to look into the salmon
fishing industry there.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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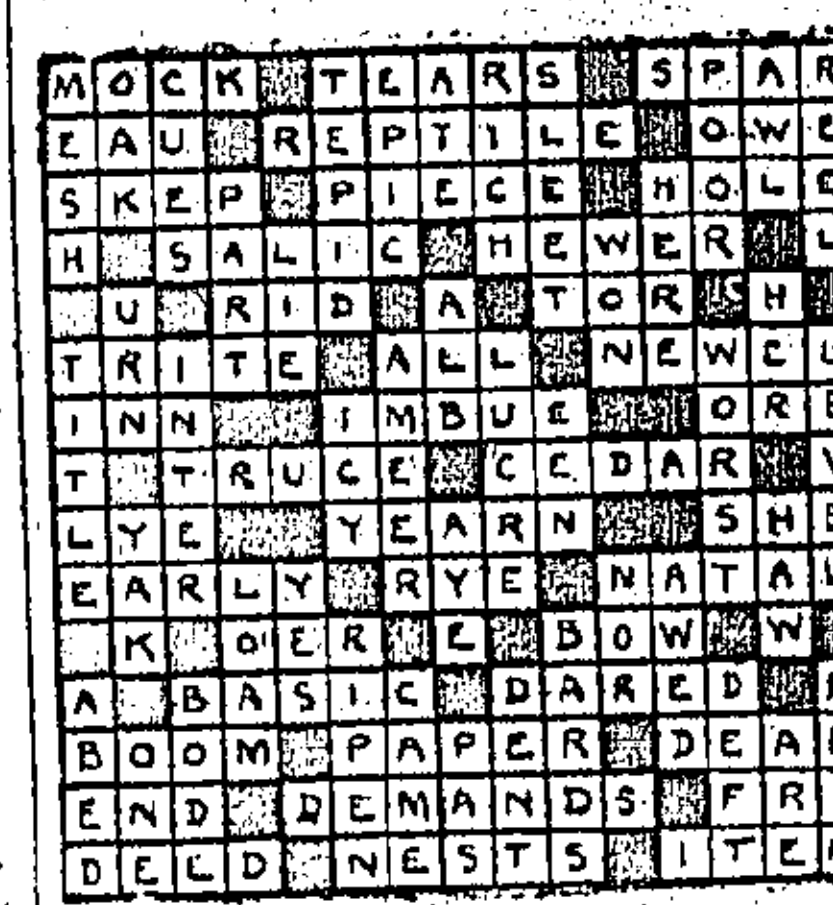
- 1 Treatment.
- 6 White vestment worn by a priest.
- 8 Chatter.
- 9 Open revolt against authority.
- 10 Unsteady flames.
- 15 Handsome woman.
- 16 Evening.
- 17 Ant.
- 18 Donation to poor.
- 20 Outer covering.
- 21 Donkey.
- 22 Longed.
- 23 Person's right.
- 26 Not odd.
- 28 Till.
- 31 Wrong doings.
- 33 Perennial plant.
- 34 Short and to the point.
- 35 Set in motion.
- 36 Alloy of iron and carbon.
- 38 Rim.
- 40 Measure of length.
- 42 Ask.
- 43 Mournful.
- 44 In higher position.
- 47 Comfort.
- 49 Fastened.
- 51 Tavern.
- 52 At an after date.
- 54 Landed proprietors.
- 55 Fruit (plur.).
- 56 Stops.
- 57 Chopper.
- 58 Faculty.

Down.

- 1 Sense of injury.
- 2 Seek justice or right by law.
- 3 Book of maps.
- 4 Liquid measure.
- 5 Opponent.
- 7 Young hare.
- 8 Allege as an excuse.

- 9 Male sheep.
- 10 Furnished with weapons.
- 11 Starting point in gold.
- 12 Holds in estimation.
- 13 Seclude one's self.
- 20 Containing cells.
- 24 Ingross.
- 25 Star-like flower.
- 27 Large vessel for holding liquors.
- 29 Used in fishing.
- 30 Congealed water.
- 32 Young horse.
- 35 Secrecy.
- 37 Time at which the sun crosses the equator.
- 39 Write on back of.
- 41 In regard to place.
- 42 Advises (archaic).
- 43 Narratives.
- 44 Cotton passed below the skin.
- 46 Opening.
- 48 Act of selling.
- 50 Exclamation of triumph.
- 53 Printer's measure (plur.).

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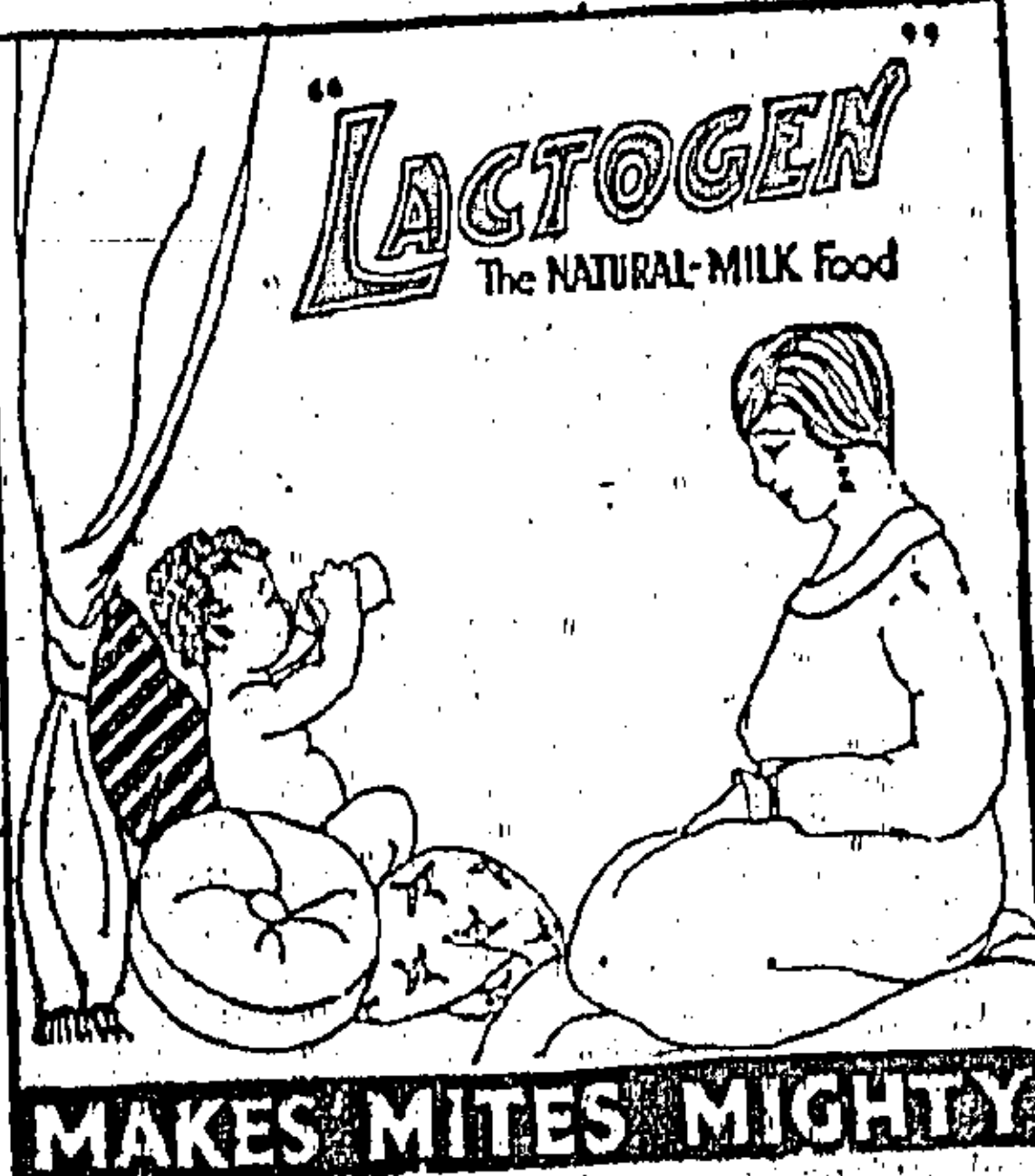
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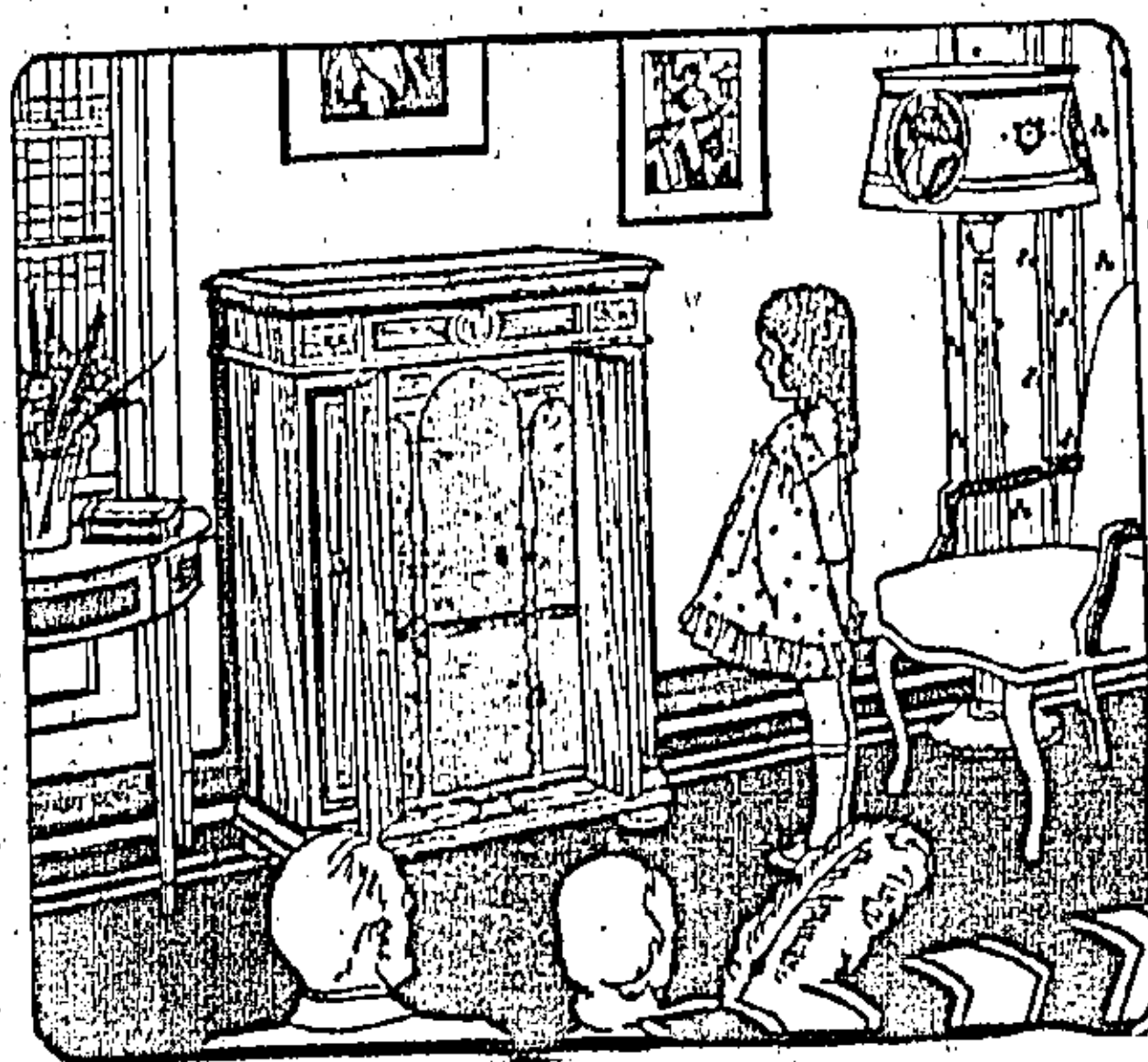
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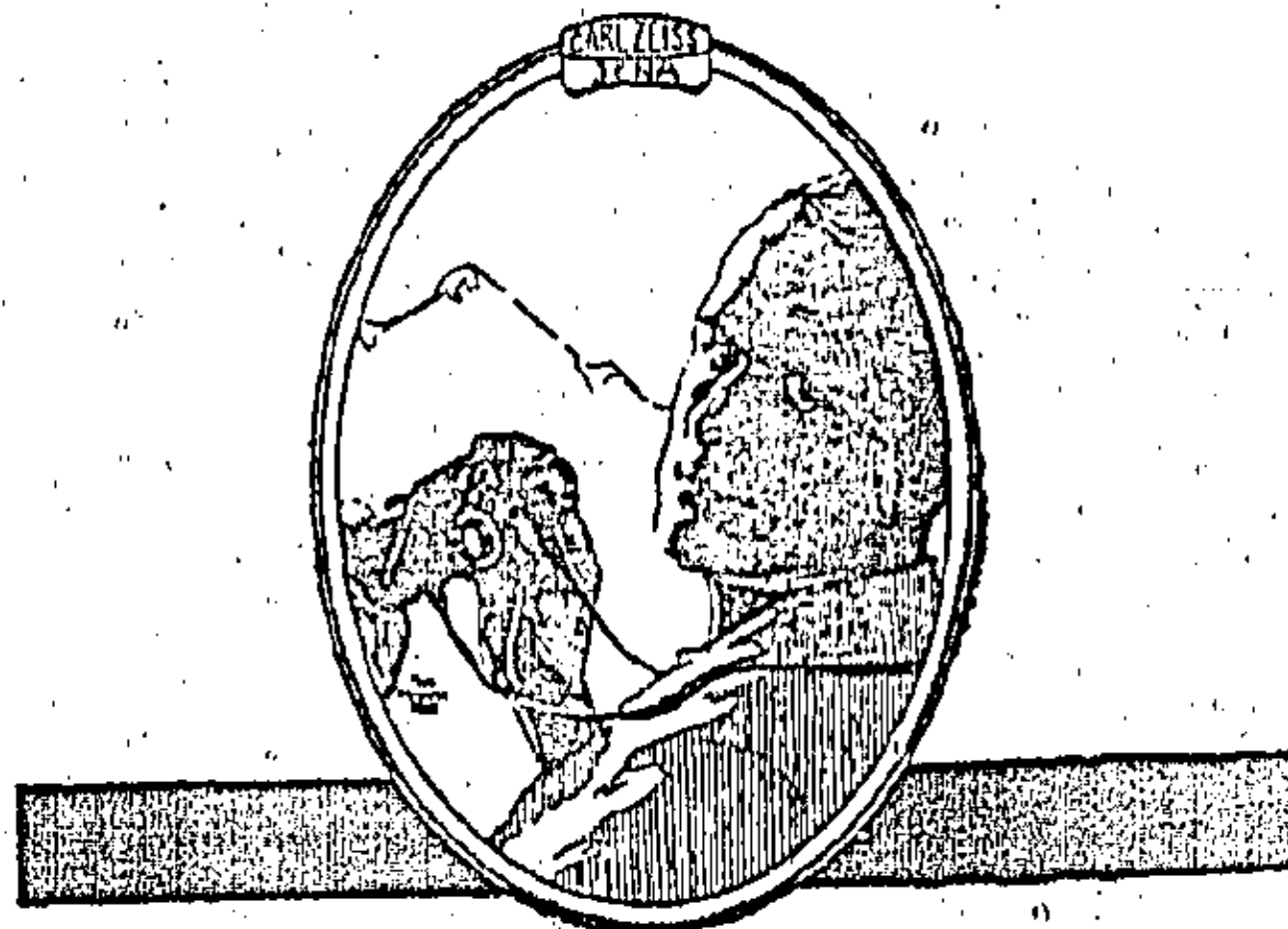


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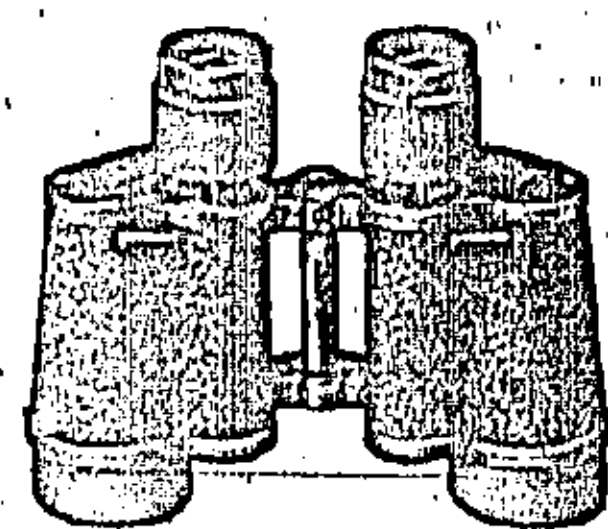
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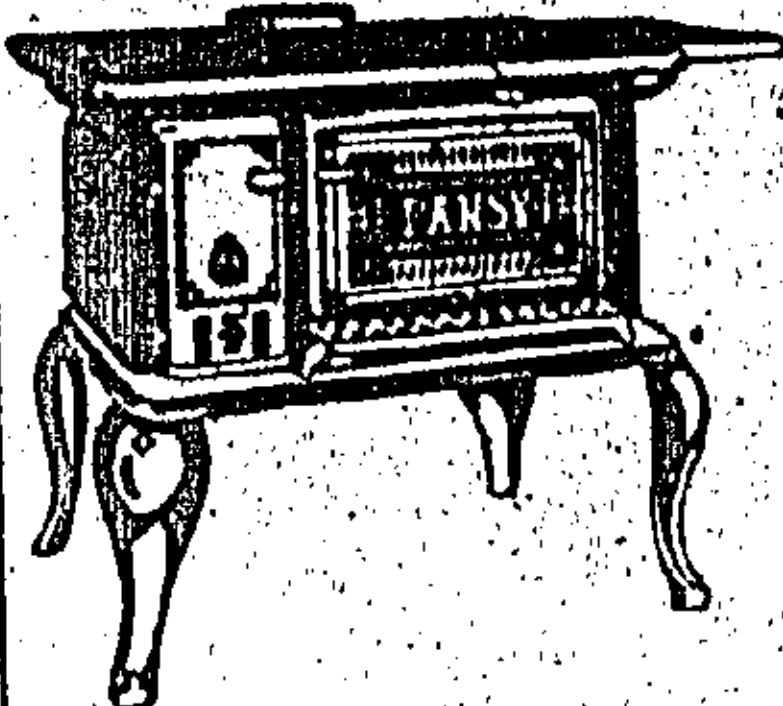
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EMPIRE DAY.

To-day's local observance of Empire Day has followed the usual form—that of holding special services for the children. There has been little other outward show in this Colony to mark the day as one which has been specially set aside for the remembrance of our wonderful inheritance as Britishers—a day on which we ought to reaffirm our purpose to do everything possible to uphold the honour and integrity of the British Empire, which is the world's greatest commonwealth of nations. The birthday of the late Queen Victoria was appropriately chosen as Empire Day, for it was during her reign that so much was done to consolidate the Empire and base its administration on sound principles. It was back in the days of Palmerston that this Crown Colony of Hongkong was added to the Imperial possessions and the subsequent history of Hongkong has amply justified the work of those who made the cession absolute. And the same can be said of all the other parts of our far-flung Empire, that they stand for good, honest administration, incorrupt government and democratic liberty. As a civilising and progressive force there have been few factors in the world of more potency than the British Empire. And we have a right to be proud of it, not in a vain-glorious or boastful way, but because the British race has, through the Empire, been permitted to render a great service to humanity.

Since the last Empire Day, there have been very important meetings in London of all the Premiers of the various Dominions, and as a result of that Imperial Conference the Empire is bound even closer together than ever. In London last November there were formulated very definite ideas of inter-Imperial co-operation on almost every conceivable subject, including the important matters of defence and trade. A new conception of the political relationship existing between the Mother Country and the Dominions was evolved around the central figure of His Majesty the King, and the full status of a self-governing country was reaffirmed for South Africa, Australia, Canada and New Zealand. The King's title has been changed to fit the change in status of South Ireland, and there have been other acts to make

it evident to the world that there is reality and substance behind the claim that the British Empire is composed of separate nations held together by ties of affection and blood. There is even now taking place in London a Colonial Conference at which representatives of Crown Colonies and the lesser Dependencies are meeting under the Presidency of the Dominions' Secretary to discuss common problems, and it is a conference which promises to be fruitful in future co-operation. Plenty of evidence is to be found that those at the helm of Britain's affairs are ever mindful of the democratic nature of the structure of that Empire and are for ever seeking to widen the liberties and scope of each and every part.

For us in Hongkong and for Britishers in China generally, there is at this time and has been of late special cause to be grateful that we are members of the British Empire, for, in spite of all the undeserved calumny that has been heaped on the British by the extremist section of the Chinese Nationalists, there has been in Britain's recent policy in China much of which we can be justly proud. The manner in which the Mother Country has shouldered the responsibility of affording protection to British life and property has been the theme of many appreciative references. There can be little doubt but that Britain's generous policy in China will in time bear the fruit it deserves. And meanwhile, we can gratefully remember the forces out here amongst us and try to remove from their minds any ideas of forgetfulness. As Britishers we ought, on this Empire Day, to resolve to do all possible to help our soldier and sailor sons of Empire feel that they are among appreciative kith and kin.

Mr Chen's Reply.

As was to be expected, Mr. Eugene Chen lost no time in replying to the note sent him by Mr. Basil Newton, the British representative who has departed from Hongkong. The latest effusion of Mr. Chen's follows the lines of his previous essays—there is a great deal of verbiage, but little else. There is a polished phrase or two, but if anything, the style is impaired. It is less like the old stuff, that reeked throughout of carefully-selected journalism. It would seem now that the author is tired of the task of trying to make points out of nothing. His note of the week-end proves this. It is a mere stringing together of phrases; a series of claims, with nothing to substantiate them; a denial *seriatim*, and a retort utterly weak in logic. Obviously, the description of the Hankow Government as a body lacking the first essentials of an organised, civilised authority, rankled. Otherwise, he merely brings up the old fiction about the presence of the Shanghai Force being responsible for all the trouble, on the Yangtze. That, as will be presently shown, is a futile accusation, carefully stored in the armoury of Hankow for use whenever some outrage requires explanation. In the same breath, almost, Mr. Chen admits that the Hankow agreement with Britain has not been carried out; but he offers no apology, no justification: forgetting that two wrongs cannot make a right, he attempts to draw a red herring across the trail of the British argument. As for the British forces in China, it is merely repeating the obvious to insist that their presence, far from aggravating the disturbances in the country, has prevented worse outrages. Force alone checked the Nanking orgy of slaughter, rapine and loot. The Defence Force alone has enabled Shanghai to continue to be Shanghai as of old. And the Yangtze outrages are merely a reflection, and continuation, of the intense, Moscow-sown, Canton-encouraged, campaign of anti-foreign, and particularly anti-British, hatred and calumny, which began with the boycott of Hongkong, and has gone on unchecked from bad to worse.

THEFTS FROM CLUB.

FANLING VISITOR'S LOSS.

Mrs. Drevard has reported to the police that the sum of \$3.70 has been stolen from her room in the ladies' club-house at Fanling. Another report made to the police, from the same place, is to the effect that blankets to the value of \$125 have been stolen.

DAY BY DAY.

I FANCY THE PROPER MEANS OF INCREASING THE LOVE WE BEAR OUR NATIVE COUNTRY IS TO RESIDE SOME TIME IN A FOREIGN ONE.—*Shenstone.*

There were two cases of enteric fever over the week-end.

The P. and O. s.s. Devanha, from Hongkong, arrived at London on May 21.

Lieut-Colonel R. R. Lewis of the Military Hospital, and Mrs. Lewis, are leaving for Home tomorrow.

The motor vessel Benares (Swedish East Asiatic Co.) left Antwerp on Friday and is expected here on June 28th.

The P. and O. s.s. Mantua with the outward English mails is due to arrive here from Singapore on Thursday afternoon.

Passengers arriving by s.s. President Harrison from the U. S. and Shanghai, include Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McBaill and Mr. N. C. McClelland.

Miss Davey, residing at the Hongkong Hotel, reports that on the 21st instant, between 3 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, some person entered her room and stole therefrom jewellery to the extent of \$500.

The chief engineer of the s.s. Clara Jebben made a report to the police yesterday that some time between two and four o'clock in the afternoon the sum of \$500 in banknotes was stolen from his cabin. The money was locked in a drawer, which was forced open by the thief.

MARINES PARADE.

THIS MORNING'S MARCH.

A large detachment of Royal Marines paraded at Murray Barracks this morning, in connexion with practice for the King's Birthday Parade.

Headed by the Marine Band, the contingent afterwards engaged in a route march through the central districts.

GERMANY STUBBORN.

REFUSES FRONTIER INSPECTION.

London, May 23.
The British, French and American Ambassadors have made friendly representations to Germany concerning the eastern fortifications which she undertook to destroy, but, since the withdrawal of the inter-Allied commission of control, she has declined to allow Allied military experts to visit the sites to verify this destruction.

DOWNPOUR EFFECTS.

PART OF OLD HOUSE COLLAPSES.

The heavy downpour in the early hours of yesterday morning resulted in a landslide in a new road between Robinson and Conduit Roads, which brought about the collapse of the rear portion of an old house in Robinson Road.

This part of the house was used as a garage, and the collapse caused extensive damage to an expensive car.

As reported yesterday, there were several other minor landslides all over the Colony, one in Aberdeen resulting in the back portion of a number of huts being carried away. Fortunately there were no fatalities here.

GOLDSMITH TRICKED.

AN OLD SCHEME SUCCEEDS.

The accountant of the Tin Sang goldsmith's shop, of Queen's Road, West, is the latest victim of what seems to be a common confidence trick.

From a report made to the police, it is learned that shortly after noon yesterday a Chinese went into the shop and ordered a gold chain and three gold pendants, with instructions to deliver the goods to the Tai San boarding house, where payment would be made.

The accountant took the goods along, in due course, and a man purporting to be a fink of the customer said he would take delivery of the jewellery and pay for it. He took the chain and the pendants, and went into the next room, ostensibly in order to fetch the money, but was never seen again.

FREIGHT MARKET.

EFFECT OF CHINESE UNREST.

In their fortnightly report on the freight market, Messrs. Wheelock and Co., Shanghai, write under date May 12th:—

To United Kingdom and Continent:—Our local export market has been rather quiet during past fortnight, there being only a limited number of steamers to keep up the trade with Hankow—but the export market at Hankow seems very active as the first ocean steamer to load there direct for Europe received very good support and in the meanwhile two more ocean steamers have proceeded to Hankow where they expect to load about 5,000 tons of cargo each.

The Tea season is reported to be rather late this year and it is not expected that shipments of any importance will take place before the middle of June.

The Dalny export market continues active and rates are firm.

To United States, via Pacific and Canals:—The situation on this berth remains much the same as when last writing, this being sort of "betwixt and between" seasons, as far as silk and tea are concerned;—there is some wood-oil and general cargo coming down from Hankow, but very little offering locally.

Coastwise:—Conditions are becoming more serious at Hankow. Merchants, being unable to obtain cash for their goods, are sending them down to Shanghai to await the market here; once they have succeeded in effecting a clearance of their goods from Hankow, indications are that the entire export trade of the Yangtze Valley will come to a standstill!

Considerable demand still exists for space to Northern Ports;—this is accentuated to a large extent by the refusal of the Southern military authorities to allow Chinese owned craft to proceed North of Shanghai.

As mentioned in our last issue, the weak under-current has developed further and cargo to the Southern Ports has fallen off very considerably.

KING'S BIRTHDAY.

TORCHLIGHT TATTOO FOR SHANGHAI.

If Hongkong is going to have a big military parade on the morning of June 3rd, in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King, Shanghai is going to have its torchlight tattoo.

A northern contemporary reports that preparations are in full swing for the Torchlight Tattoo to be staged by the British Shanghai Defence Force at the Public Recreation Ground on the evening of June 3rd in celebration of the birthday of His Majesty King George V, under orders of Major-General Sir J. Duncan, C.B., C.M.G. C.V.O., D.S.O.

The arrangements for the Tattoo are in the hands of a most capable committee composed of Colonel W. D. S. Brownrigg, D.S.O., The Sherwood Foresters, (President), Messrs. N. L. Sparke, T. H. U. Aldridge, Col. M. H. Logan, Capt. R. M. J. Martin, Major F. V. B. Wits, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., R.E., and Major C. E. Mansergh M.C., Royal Corps of Signals. Captain B. O. Hutchinson, 7th Q. O. Hussars is acting in the capacity of Secretary and Treasurer.

Any profits accruing from the Tattoo will be distributed in equal proportion to the Union Jack Club of Shanghai and to the General Officer Commanding the Shanghai Defence Force, for the benefit of the troops under his command. Rehearsals for the Tattoo will commence almost immediately.

"ABIE'S IRISH ROSE."

WILBUR PLAYERS' SUCCESS AT THE STAR.

The Star Theatre, Kowloon, was crowded last evening when the Wilbur Players presented "Abie's Irish Rose," which met with signal success. The popularity of these players is rapidly increasing and when the piece is again presented to-night it is doubtful whether there will be a vacant seat.

The humorous difficulties of reconciling Jewish and Irish fathers to the marriage of their respective son and daughter are of an extremely funny nature, and anyone in need of a good laugh should not fail to see this production.

On the concluding two days of their visit, to-morrow "Abie's Irish Rose" will be played and on Thursday, "The Divorce Question" will be presented.

The Very Idea!

A native African principal, in the presence of his inspector, was opening the session with prayer. He meant no disrespect when he began—"O Lord, have mercy upon us this day, for Satan is with us again!"

The feathered tribes on pinions cleave the air.
Not so the mackerel; and still less the bear.

Sir Alfred E. Pease, Bt., who is in his seventeenth year, flung down a challenge to youth when he rode third in the members' race at the Cleveland Hunt point-to-point meeting at Redcar. The four-mile course included more than twenty jumps, but Sir Alfred finished fresh after out-distancing five youthful competitors.

Sir Alfred was for some years member of Parliament for the Cleveland Division, and during that time won the House of Commons Steeplechase. He is still a regular rider to hounds.

Hampshire tramp: I am a handy man, sir; can do anything from poisonin' a cat to weedin' a garden.

Durham magistrate to a sailor: Do you know this woman? Sailor: Not particularly well, sir, although she is my wife.

Willesden man: What can I do with my wife? She knocks me about. Magistrate: Kiss her and make her love you.

Tearful young wife at Willesden: My husband scarcely gives me any money. He offered me 8d. on Sunday and said that he could not make it a shilling unless I made him a cup of tea.

It appears that New Zealand can better London's claim to the smallest baby, if a statement made by the nurse who cared for the child is accurate, says a Reuter message from Wellington, New Zealand. The nurse states that Martha McGinty, who was born in Auckland Hospital in 1912, weighed only 14½ ounces. "I did not feed it with a canary feather," she said, "I fed it with an eye dropper, and the child thrived."

Dick Whittington never had a cat.—The Lord Mayor of London. The Trade Union Bill is the charter of liberty of Trade Unionists.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

Cocktail drinking among young girls is becoming a national menace.—Hon. Mrs. Forrest to Paton. Though we may think too much of Victorian poets, modern poets think too much of themselves.—Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

The late Mr. Joseph Harker, once doyen of scene-painters, in his book of reminiscences, gives an instance of Sir Henry Irving's attention to scenic detail.

One of the scenes in "Coriolanus" showed a fishmonger's shop in a Roman thoroughfare. Anxious to achieve the necessary degree of realism, I painted outside the shop a lifelike representation of a turbot.

The scene, it must be understood, had to be shown twice in the play—once in the opening stages and again towards the final fall of the curtain.

Irving was down on that turbot as soon as he set eyes on it. "Take that fish out, my boys!" was his command. "I'm going to the wars in the play, and it won't keep till I get back!"

More gleanings from the classroom:—

The leopard can change his spots because when he's tired of one spot he goes to another.

An abstract noun is the name of something that has no existence, such as goodness.

Some fractions are "simple" and "compound." Others are "vulgar" and very "improper." There is also a double fraction where two or more bones are broken, but this kind is only used by doctors.

Pat—"Why are you looking so gloomy, Mick?"

Mick—"Sure, my dog was running over the railway and got his tail run over."

Pat—"Och, now, that'll spoil his carriage."

Mick—"Spoil his carriage! Bedad, it's fair ruined his waggin'."

OPIMUM HAUL.

SEIZED ON BOAT FROM CHINA.

Penang, May 16.
On the arrival of the steamer Hong Peng from China via Singapore the vessel was boarded by Mr. Byrne, head of the Preventive Service, and a posse of revenue officers.

During a search they discovered 1,200 taels of non-Government opium and 750 dollars in Chinese 10-cent pieces. No claimant has been found in either case.

KUOMINTANG ACTIVE IN JAVA.**MILITARY HELP TO ARREST A LEADER.****PROPAGANDISTS' ACTIVE.**

Batavia, May 14. It would appear that the Kuomintang is active in various parts of the Dutch East Indies as in addition to the riot at Sangha which I reported last week an attempt was made at rioting at Balikpapan on the 1st of May (writes a correspondent of the Singapore Free Press). A procession consisting of about 600 Chinese, all coolies and toekangs of the B.P.M., was ordered to disband as no permission had been obtained for the procession. Notwithstanding several warnings the crowd refused to disperse so that military assistance had to be called in and the leader, who proved to be a Cantonese propagandist, was arrested. The crowd demanded the release of the prisoner which was naturally refused, and after a few hours it dispersed.

Notwithstanding the strict measures taken by the immigration authorities it would seem that a number of these propagandists manage to get through the net and carry out their work in various parts of the country. On board of the Insulinde which arrived here last Sunday 21 Chinese stowaways were found; they stated that they had come on board in Singapore to see their friends off and had not noticed that the boat had left the quay until it was too late. On Wednesday they were returned to Singapore, so this time the attempt was unsuccessful.

The latest reports from Sangha state that 13 of the rioters were killed and 27 wounded during the affray reported last week.

A Sensational Arrest.

On Saturday afternoon last the well known Arab property owner Basalama was arrested on a charge of forgery.

The Padang Bombs.

Some time ago a number of bombs were seized at Padang, eleven of which had been stored in a cupboard in the office of the native public prosecutor and on Saturday evening last at about 9 o'clock the neighbourhood was startled by a heavy explosion. It appears that the bombs had exploded and partly destroyed the office of the djaksa but the cause is unknown.

The G. G. to Visit Celebes.

It is stated that H.E. the Governor-General intends paying a visit to various parts of Celebes during 1928.

Military Action in Sumatra.

The military action in the Solok district has ended, and altogether 230 undesirables have been arrested, including all the leaders. It has been proved that a revolutionary fund has been established and all owners of P.K.I. membership cards were forced to contribute. Further a revolt had been planned for the beginning of this month. In total 350 firearms have been seized by the marchochassees.

The Tasman.

The van der Wijk arrived on Tuesday afternoon at the scene of the stranding of the Tasman and on Wednesday commenced taking off the cargo. An attempt will be made to tow her off the reef. The leaks have been stopped. The passengers and mail had been taken off previously by the Aki Maru.

Attack on Tjipinang Prison.

The Court at Meester Cornelis heard the case against two of the most dangerous Communists in

NEURALIA ARRIVES.**NEW DEPARTURE IN BRITISH TROOPING.**

The troopship Neuralia, with R.A.F., R.A.S.C., Artillery and Infantry detachments on board, arrived from Home yesterday. The R.A.F. detachment is the Squadron No. 2, the first military arm of the Air Force to be sent to China.

With the co-operation of the War Office, there was a new departure in British troopshiping in connexion with the Neuralia. She carried two Y.M.C.A. secretaries, who acted as organisers for entertainment and recreation to the troops, and in this way mitigated the boredom and monotony inevitable on such a voyage.

Concerts, lectures, and services were arranged daily, and the secretaries also took the lead in community singing. This is the first time when such a move has been made in connexion with British troopshiping, though during the War when the "Red Triangle" became famous, Y.M.C.A. workers often accompanied Indian troops to Europe.

It is intended that Messrs. Pegg and Marks, the Y.M.C.A. secretaries will take up work in the new centres which the Y.M.C.A. has opened in Shanghai for the benefit of the Defence Force. More than \$5,000 was subscribed in England to the special fund organised by the Association.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1.—What is the origin of the pawnbroker's sign (three brass balls)?
- 2.—What type of horse was taken as the standard for horsepower?
- 3.—Who and what was Tippoo?
- 4.—Which queen of England was the first to wear silk stockings?
- 5.—What is the origin of the "Broad Arrow" as a sign of Government property?
- 6.—Where is the authentic and original yard measure in the City?
- 7.—What is the origin of the word "Tram"?
- 8.—What and where was the battle of Lissa?
- 9.—Where does the quotation "When Greek meets Greek, come from, and is it correct in this form?"
- 10.—What are the Dutch, Russian, German, French, Italian, and Spanish equivalents of the term "Mister"?
- 11.—What heraldic animal represents England?
- 12.—What was the origin of the National Debt?

that district who took part in the attempted attack on the prison at Tjipinang last November. During the hearing of this case several interesting facts were brought to light. The majority of prisoners brought up before the Courts in connexion with the irregularities last November denied knowing the aim of the P.K.I. (the native Communist organisation) but in this case several of the witnesses declared that they were aware of the objects of the rising. As soon as the rising had been crowned with success a Chinese was to come from China to take over the leadership until Semadeni, a notorious Communist who was banned some years ago, arrived. As soon as matters had been arranged China would withdraw!

CHIANG SCORES BIG GAINS.*(Continued from Page 1.)*

selves from Inner Mongolia eastward to the Kirin-Tungshua and Kirin-Hallungcheng Line. About 60 per cent. of them have taken up the reclamation of the wasteland about the Taonan-Angangchi Line district, the remaining 40 per cent. seeking employment on the two new railway lines (the Kirin-Tungshua and the Mukden-Hallungcheng) under construction.

According to the C.E.R. returns, by the end of February 275,300 of them had got into Harbin, 170,000 of them leaving for the Eastern Section, and 70,000 others for the Western Section.

HANKOW TRADE.**An Eloquent Report.**

Eloquent are the facts detailed, as to the real situation, in the weekly circular of the British Chamber of Commerce—

Produce.—There is very little business passing, that little being for prompt shipment. Wood-oil prices are falling fast to-day, price being Tls. 23.00 or a fall of 15% during the week.

Price.—In Tael per picul net weight excluding cost of cleaning, packing and duty.—Gallnuts, usual shape 16.90; Gallnuts, Plum 17.20; Wood-oil—prompt delivery 29.00.

Import.—Nothing doing except liquidation of old commitments.

Labour.—There is no special incident to record this week.

Finance.—The situation as regards the foreign and native banks remains the same. The Nationalist Government have not found it possible to arrange for remittance to Shanghai in satisfactory volume the result being a considerable decline in the value of their irredeemable notes which are quoted at a discount of 13% to Silver dollars Shanghai currency. The foreign banks generally are loth to do any exchange business and very wide margins exist between their buying and selling rates.

General.—There is no improvement in the general situation, the keynote of which is a complete lack of confidence in the present administration.

HANKOW CENSORSHIP?**No British Newspaper.**

The *Hankow Herald* of May 12 appears with about three inches of perfectly blank space on its front page, labelled underneath "British Wireless." This may be either a facetious way of informing the public that there is no British wireless news to publish, or that the censorship has been applied to the matter as being too "imperialistic" in tone. Very possibly the latter.

It will be remembered that the *Herald* was recently permitted to resume publication by the Wuhan authorities and the Printers' Union. Since its reappearance the *Herald* has been completely colourless, without editorial comment of any kind. The British *Central China Post* is still suspended.

PEKING PRISONERS.**Russians Being Well-Treated.**

Peking, May 8.—According to a Japanese press telegram intercepted by the Metropolitan police, the Chief of the Soviet Consular Department in the Russian Embassy yesterday entertained certain foreign and Japanese correspondents for a talk about the alleged ill-treatment of the Soviet prisoners by the Chinese authorities. In this connexion, we learn from the Ankuochun headquarters that there is not one particle of truth in the alleged ill-treatment of the Russian Red. As a matter of fact, all the prisoners, includ-



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SHE WAS LONELY.**WEALTHY WIDOW MARRIES STEWARD.**

During the world tour of the Belgeland (27,000 tons), which visited Hongkong, the commander, noticing Alfred Pierce, an English wine steward, conversing familiarly with Mrs. Jean Nawn, a wealthy Californian widow, ordered Pierce's removal from first-class to become assistant linen-keeper. It was then revealed that Pierce was already married to Mrs. Nawn, who had an income of £2000 a year from a taxi corporation, in which her late husband was interested.

She had become lonely, not knowing any of the passengers, and befriended Pierce. Mrs. Nawn was known as "the blue bride," because of the colour of her dress. She walked the decks like a will o' wisp, and sent notes to her husband, while he was working in the depths below. Pierce proposes opening a business in London.

ing Mrs. Borodin and the three Russian diplomatic "couriers" from Tsingtau, are being supplied with adequate foreign food at the price of one dollar per man per diem while their rooms are also well sunny and ventilated. As the Ankuochun leaders have already decided to give the culprits a fair trial by the ordinary Court of Justice, they will be handed over to the legal authorities within a couple of days. Regarding the hunger strike of the Reds, some of the prisoners ate food again yesterday while others only drank tea and water; but so far, there is no visible change in the general appearance or conduct of the prisoners.

It is also stated in certain circles that the so-called hunger strike of the prisoners is a mere ruse designed to deceive the authorities with a view to securing a light sentence as the Reds are afraid of meeting a similar fate like Li Ta-chao and other Chinese Communists who were recently strangled in accordance with Chinese military laws.

£1,000,000 FOR SINGAPORE.**NEW ZEALAND NAVAL OFFER.**

Wellington.—In a lengthy statement as to New Zealand's future naval policy, Mr. Coates, the Prime Minister, states that the Government has decided, having regard to the very definite views of the New Zealand Naval Board and the British Admiralty and British Government, to provide for the following naval programme, which is regarded as that best qualified to meet the position as it exists to-day.

Proposals to this effect will be submitted to Parliament in due course.

(1) A sum of £1,000,000 will be paid to the British Government as a contribution towards the cost of the Singapore base. This amount will not be paid in a lump sum, but will take the form of annual payments spread over the period between the present date and the date of the completion of the base, which is estimated at seven or eight years.

(2) A third 'D' class cruiser will not be maintained, but when it is necessary eventually to withdraw the two existing cruisers they will be replaced by two 'B' class cruisers. These ships will have a tonnage of 3,400 tons, and the estimated annual cost of their maintenance will be £300,000 each, compared with £230,000 for a 'D' class cruiser.

(3) During the period between the present time and the date when the 'B' cruisers will be taken over, the necessary alterations in the equipment and plant of the New Zealand naval base required for the upkeep of 'B' class cruisers will be undertaken. The statement concludes: "When the Singapore base is finally completed and New Zealand's contribution on that account is no longer payable, it is definitely intended to resume the policy of devoting the whole of our expenditure on naval defence to the New Zealand Naval division. The present deviation from that policy is temporary and due entirely to the desirability of assisting in the completion of the Singapore base."

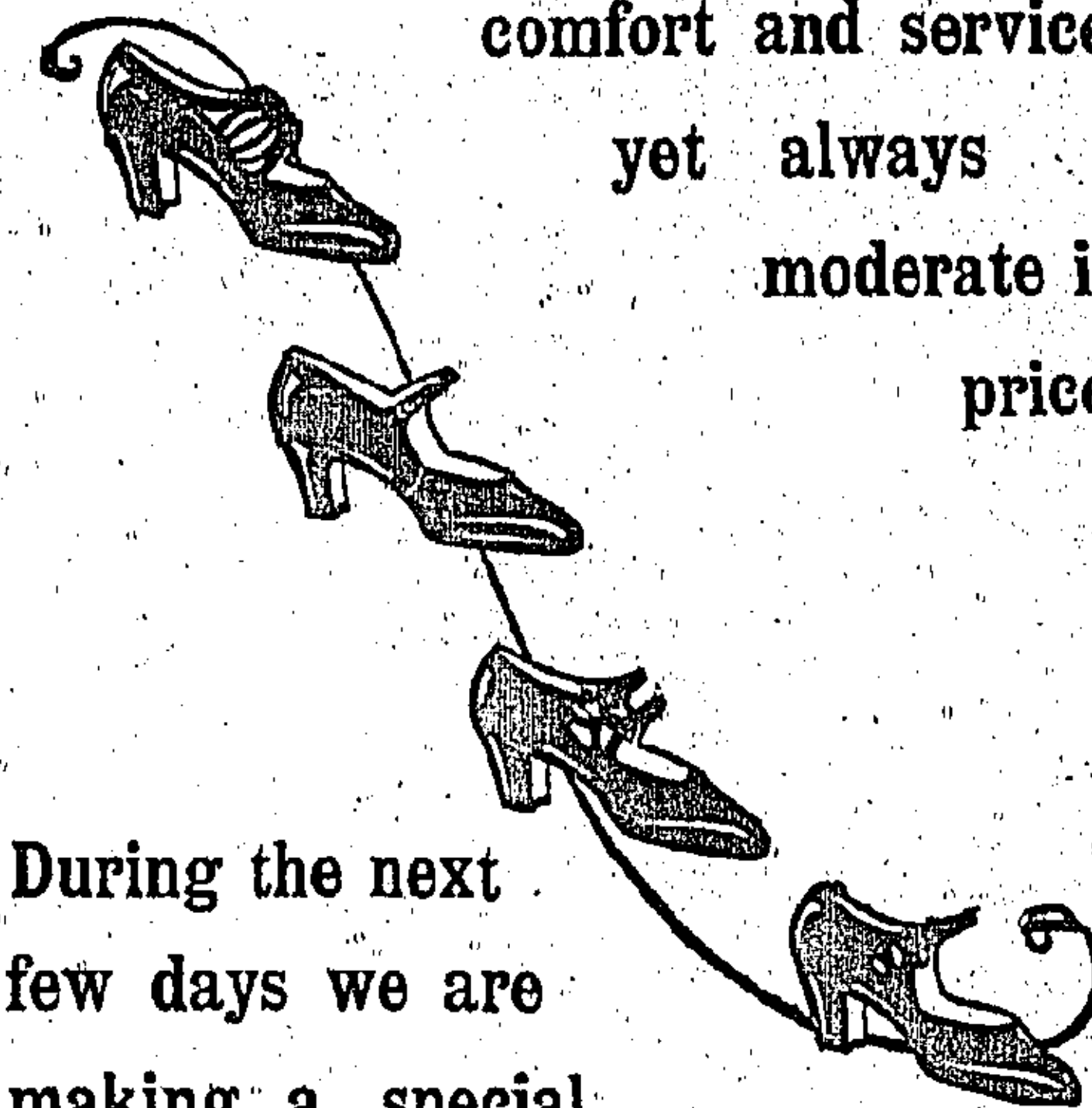
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INTERNATIONAL MATCH AT SHANGHAI.

Scotland defeated Portugal in the final of the Prentice-Skottowe International Football Cup as a fitting wind-up to the ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL season in Shanghai. Photograph shows the two teams before the match, with the handsome and massive trophy in the middle of the group. The Scottish team is on the left; the Portuguese on the right. The game was watched by dense crowds lining all four sides of the field. Considerable enthusiasm was displayed.

BRITISH POLICY.

FAILURE OF THE HANKOW AGREEMENT.

The annual meeting of the China Association was held at the offices of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company, Leadenhall-street.

Mr. L. N. Leefe, who presided, and was re-elected as chairman, moved the adoption of the report and accounts. In doing so he said that there had been, whenever the subject of China was discussed recently, a remarkable desire to see the Chinese point of view. Conciliation and patience had been preached and practised to an exceptional degree, but there had not always been a recognition of what our countrymen abroad had had to bear, and yet they had been tried to the utmost, and had afforded examples which could not fall ultimately to have their influence on the good relations that all desired to see restored.

The outstanding feature of the past year was the memorandum of the British Government of December last. Coming when it did, it was a direct challenge to the sincerity of all, and particularly to the more articulate and vociferous exponents of the Nationalist Party. It was designed to meet the Chinese more than half-way—a real, if tardy, attempt to take the lead when other countries looked on. It placed, or should have placed, the leaders of Chinese opinion on their mettle, and their response was what?—Hankow and Nanking.

In form and constitution the Hankow Agreement differed fundamentally from the method of municipal administration to which we were accustomed. The election of British councillors might clearly be rendered nugatory. The chairman of the Council was a political appointment. The decisions of the Council could be vetoed at the will of a Chinese official. The Agreement bore no shadow of relation to any views which were ever forward in the mind of democracy, but it met the Chinese wishes, and if actuated by good will, its inherent incongruities might have been overcome and a measure of success attained. It was an act of faith in the leaders of the Nationalist Party.

Results of Hankow Agreement.

Viewed in a detached way, it was difficult to see to whom the Agreement had brought benefit. Certainly not to the British, who had suffered an immediate loss in depreciated assets and who had given up an efficient administration for one yet to be proved. Certainly not to the Chinese traders, whose business had been brought to a standstill and whose wives and children were fleeing for safety, probably to Shanghai, where alone they could be secure under the protection of the Shanghai Defence Force. Certainly the new municipality did not benefit, for its rule was over a depleted population and a paralysed trade. The only benefit it might accomplish would be to make its repetition elsewhere impossible. However, desirous the Chinese might have been to keep their share of the Agreement events had proved that they had not the power.

No less had been the effect in Shanghai, where the municipality was faced with great difficulties in financing itself during the coming year by reason of confidence in municipal debentures having seriously diminished. At the moment, he hoped, there was no intention of entering into any fresh negotiations. The opinion of the Committee was that, in view of all that had happened since the Hankow Agreement was signed, the Government ought to decline absolutely to enter into any fresh negotiations until it had received complete satisfaction for the outrages committed at Nanking and until it had received reliable assurances that it was dealing with responsible parties who would honour their agreements.

It was an entire misconception to think that, if once we gave up treaty rights, the Chinese would be so impressed by our generosity and good faith that we should have no more trouble in future, and as a result trade would "boom." He did not believe that such would be the case. The Chinese mind did not work in that way; otherwise how came it that our conciliatory policy had been a complete failure so far as winning good will was concerned? If there had been no Shanghai Defence Force there would have been not only Nanking outrages, but Shanghai, Peking, and Tientsin outrages too.

Stimulus of Defence Force.

A purely negative policy would be doomed to failure. It was in conciliation and strength that lay the elements of success. Could anyone doubt that the set-back to the extremists evident during the last few days and the improvement in the fortunes of the moderates found their stimulus in the presence of the Shanghai Defence Force? The work of the peace-makers had still to be done, and he clung to the belief that it was within the power of human ability to seek to call together the leaders of the moderates—the vast

KIDNAPPING CASE.

ECHO OF MURDER TRIAL.

Charges of kidnapping with intent to sell and assault in respect of an eight years old Chinese boy were preferred against two Chinese women and one man, before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, when the Criminal Sessions were continued yesterday afternoon. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy appeared for the Crown. All three prisoners pleaded "not guilty."

Mr. Fitzroy explained that the various offences were alleged to have occurred between February 24th and March 10th. The boy, he said, was living with his father and mother at Macao, and on February 23rd one of his father's concubines made up her mind to come to Hongkong in search of work, and asked permission to take the boy with her, which permission was given.

Permission was given because she had been a concubine for 13 years, and promised to return in a day or two, whether she found work or not.

It would appear, continued Mr. Fitzroy, that the concubine met the first prisoner, a woman, on board the boat, and on arriving in the colony they went to a house at Shamshuipo, where they met the third prisoner, a man.

On the following evening the concubine, the boy, and one of the prisoners went for a walk, and from that time all trace of the former was lost until her body was found lying on the hillside near the Kowloon Hospital. There was no reason to doubt her identity, because she had a glass eye.

Evidence was given by the boy that the first prisoner insisted that he should call her mother, and say that he came from Canton and not from Macao. On various occasions his clothes were taken from his body for inspection by prospective purchasers, and he had been beaten by the first prisoner.

Evidence was also given of people visiting the house with the idea of purchasing the boy, and also as to various offers made.

The jury returned a verdict of "guilty" against the first prisoner in respect of the kidnapping charge, but "not guilty" on the second charge of assault. The third prisoner was also found "guilty," and the second "not guilty."

The first prisoner was sentenced to five years' hard labour, and the third to three years, the second being discharged.

majority, as he firmly believed, of the people of China—for the purpose of co-operating in the common cause of restoring to that country a government by which peace might be secured and the sinister forces which threatened her welfare defeated.

Mr. F. Anderson, who seconded the motion, said that the Hankow Agreement seemed to him like a surrender to the Canton Army. In the circumstances Great Britain was justified in withdrawing from the Agreement, which was almost certainly doomed to failure.

Mr. A. H. Harris regretted that the British residents in Hankow had not been consulted in the framing of the Agreement. These residents, he said, had suffered in person and pocket. A portrait of Confucius was recently taken down and stamped upon at Hankow. What was the use of making agreements with people who did that sort of thing?

Definite Policy Inevitable.

The report and accounts having been passed, Lord Southborough was re-elected president. Returning thanks, he said he felt that the British Government had been edged on, in one way and another, not altogether by this association, or by any one influence, but by diversified influences, towards the position one saw at Shanghai today. In British history Government after Government had always shirked any intervention in this kind of difficulty. The result had always been the same. When the force of circumstances had compelled a Government to take action, it had to face a situation more grievous, difficult, and extensive than anything that could have happened before. That was going to be the case with China. The force of circumstances was such that the British Government would be obliged to associate itself with a definite policy for the pacification of China. Before the present mess could be cleared up our Government would have to face a Government in China with which it could treat securely.

Mr. L. N. Leefe was re-elected chairman and Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell and Mr. H. G. Simms were elected respectively as vice-chairman and hon. treasurer.

On the motion of Mr. H. G. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Selby Moore, the meeting passed a resolution congratulating the British Government on having transported the Defence Force to Shanghai so promptly and effectively, and maintaining the view that without such a demonstration Shanghai would have shared the fate of Hankow, Kukiang, and Nanking.

FORGED CHEQUE.

A PLEA OF PRESSING CIRCUMSTANCES.

"I admit that I did forge the cheque under very pressing circumstances," said Joseph Matthews Kailley, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday morning, when he was charged with forging a cheque and letter asking for payment in the name of Mr. E. R. Dovey.

The case was resumed in the afternoon when two witnesses were called by the prisoner. The prisoner then made a lengthy statement to the court, in which he made an appeal for pity. He pleaded a sudden temptation, and said if he had not had to go out and execute some missions for Mr. Dovey he would never have tried to cash the cheque, as he would have had time to reflect over the week end.

He said he was in debt to the extent of over \$800, and had no money for food or lodging.

Without retiring, the jury returned a verdict of "guilty," after which His Lordship said prisoner had pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of two cheque forms on May 6th when he pleaded last Wednesday, and the jury had found him guilty on the second charge of forgery and obtaining money with intent to defraud.

His Lordship continued: "I do not see how any court in any country could possibly come to any other conclusions. You have appeared for pity on the grounds that you were in difficulties. It seems to me that this is a type of crime which society must be rid of specially by Courts of Law. It is a crime which is very difficult for society to rid itself of."

I am satisfied that you knew what you were doing, but why you went to the police station to return the money I do not know. If you had successfully got away with the money I should have imposed a heavier sentence than I am going to.

His Lordship sentenced the prisoner to two years' hard labour on the charge of larceny, and four years' hard labour on the charge of forgery, the sentences to run concurrently.

The prisoner, who showed considerable emotion during his statement, and burst into tears at the end, cried "I sell my life to you, My Lord," as he was led from the dock.

"THE LONDON."

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Nero may have fiddled while Rome burned, but he did that purely for his own pleasure, yet you all go dancing to help the betterment of people thousands of miles away. Really, it makes praise from me seem sadly thin, but please forgive that. My gratitude is infinitely stronger than any words I can say.

Thank you for the photographs and other enclosures. They make you all so much more alive to us here.—Yours very truly, KNUTSFORD.

NEW ARRIVALS.

BARON LINE VESSEL WITH COAL FOR NAVY.

The later arrivals yesterday included the s.s. Baron Dalmeny of the Baron Line, with a cargo of coal for the Kowloon Naval Yard.

This vessel is registered at Ardrossan and according to the report handed in to the Harbour Office, is owned by the master, Mr. S. H. Hill and the Chief Officer, Mr. N. Martin. She is a ship of 3,536 gross and 2,215 nett, built by Hamiltons of Port Glasgow in 1924 and all engine, for H. Hogarth and Sons. Her dimensions are length 948 feet, beam 50 feet and moulded depth 24 feet. Her cargo from Barry Dock consists of 5,600 coal for the Naval authorities and she carries a crew of 30 British. She is at present anchored at Yaumatei awaiting orders and Messrs. Dodwell and Co., are the local agents.

ATLANTIC EPIC.

THE DUCES PRAISE.

Rome, May 23. Signor Mussolini has sent a message to Lindbergh tributing the superhuman will which has taken space by storm and subdued it, "a feat that is one which will ever remain in the memory of men, and to the glory of Lindbergh and his people."—*Reuter*.

Lindbergh Decorated.

Paris, May 23. M. Doumergue has decorated Lindbergh with the Cross of the Legion of Honour.—*Reuter*.

Marquis de Pinedo, St. John, Newfoundland, May 23. A telegram from Trepansey says that the Marquis de Pinedo, who since his new machine from Italy arrived in New York has flown thence to Chicago and Montreal across Canada, has left for Azores en route to Italy.—*Reuter*.

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The reports of the old gunboat H. M. S. Woodcock having been in action on the Yangtze make it interesting to recall the fact that she was the first vessel in the British Navy, and, in fact, the first steam vessel other than the late Mr. Archibald Little's steam launch, to navigate the Yangtze Gorges between Ichang and Chungking. She was built by Messrs. Thornycroft at Chiswick thirty years ago, and was a sister vessel to the Melik, which was built for Lord Kitchener's Khartoum Expedition and led the river attack, bombarded Khartoum and destroyed the mahdi's tomb.

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Some old identities in the Police Force will depart on Saturday by the s.s. Morea, Inspector Moss and Sub-Inspector Evans.

Inspector Moss has for a considerable time been in charge of the search and examination party on the waterfront. His control of the widespread and onerous duties involved, has been marked by the general approval of travellers and co-operating services.

Sub-Inspector Evans, proceeds to England on ten months' leave after a protracted period of street and Charge Room duty. This, it is understood, is Mr. Evans' last visit home, prior to retiring to Australia on the conclusion of his service.

During the next month, Inspector Blackman will proceed to England on being invalided, approximately on June 25, while Sub-Inspector Perkins will retire on pension, leaving here in July.

NO HEADLIGHTS.

OFFICERS FAIL TO APPEAR IN COURT.

On the names of Lieut. Beard and Lieut. Munro of the R.A.F., stationed at the Kai Tak reclamation, being called at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Acting Sub-Inspector Smith informed his Worship that he had received an intimation from the two officers that they were on duty and were unable to attend court.

Lieuts. Beard and Munro were to have appeared to answer charges of failing to have headlights on their motor cycles in Nathan Road on May 10.

On informing Mr. Schofield of the defendants inability to appear, A. S. I. Smith stated that there were two more summonses pending against the same two defendants, which would be called next Monday.

His Worship accordingly adjourned yesterday's cases until next week.

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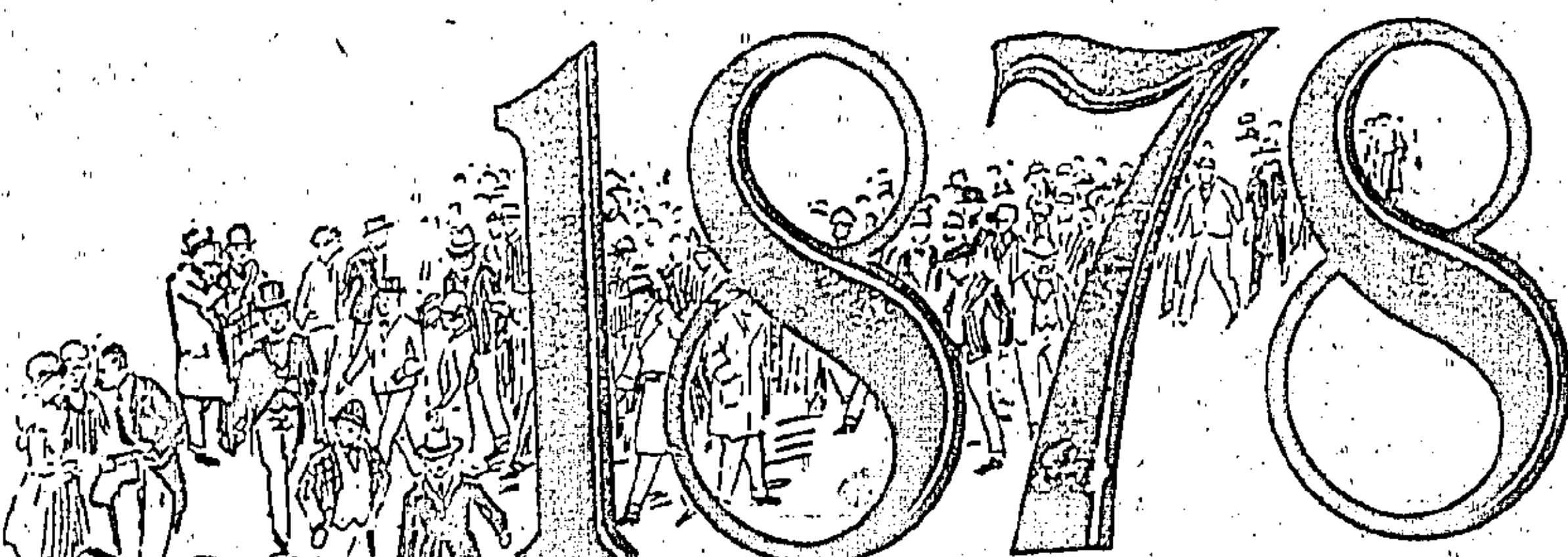
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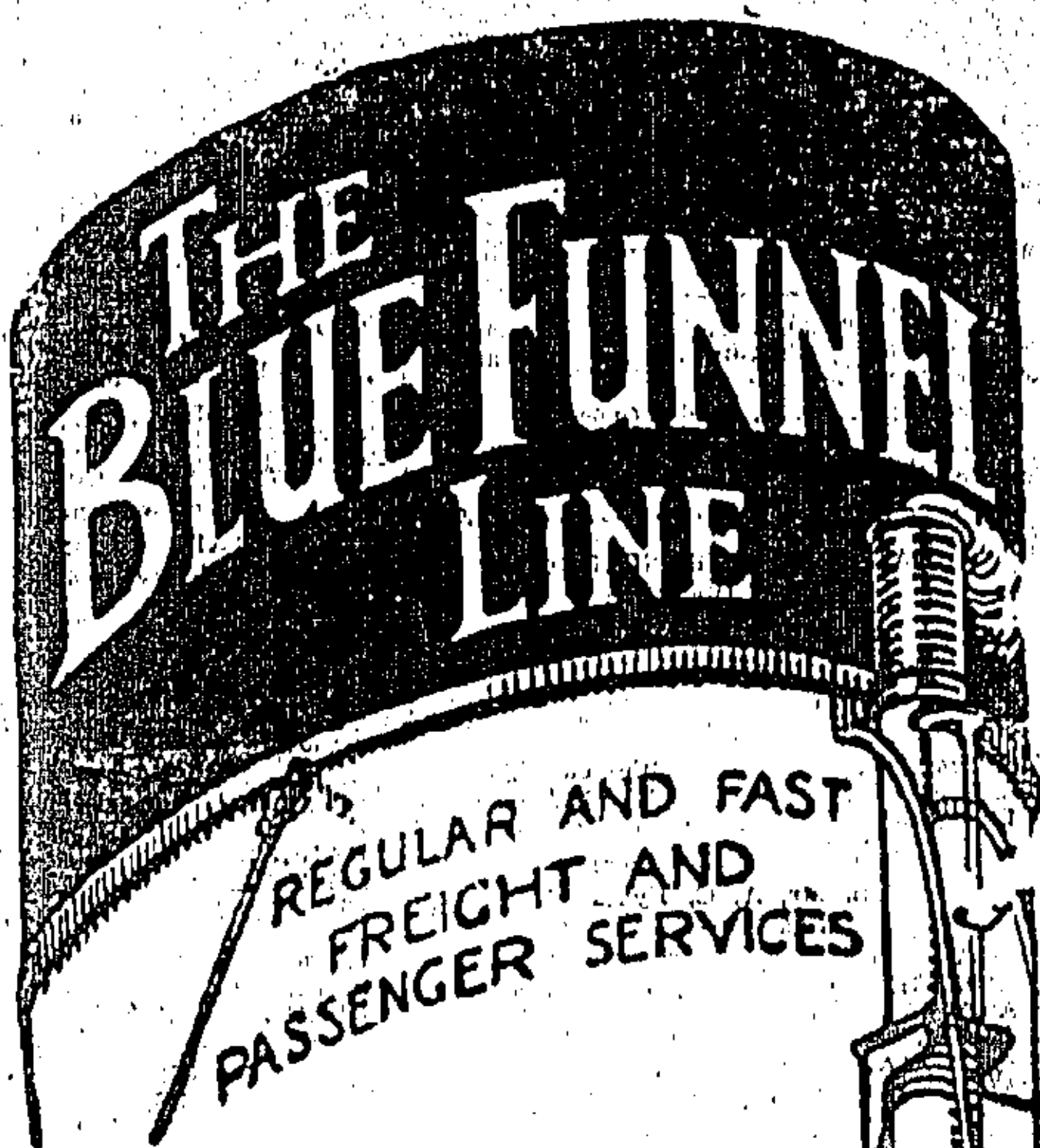


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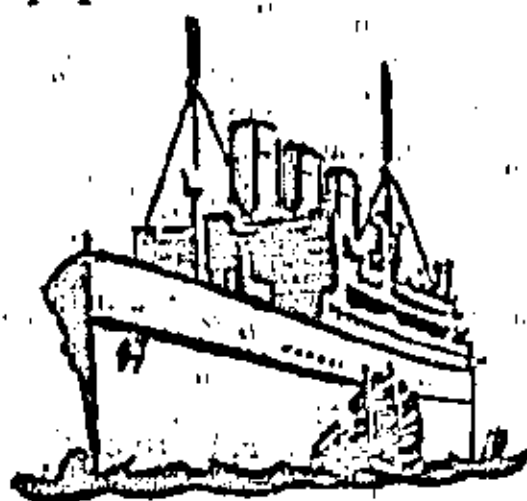
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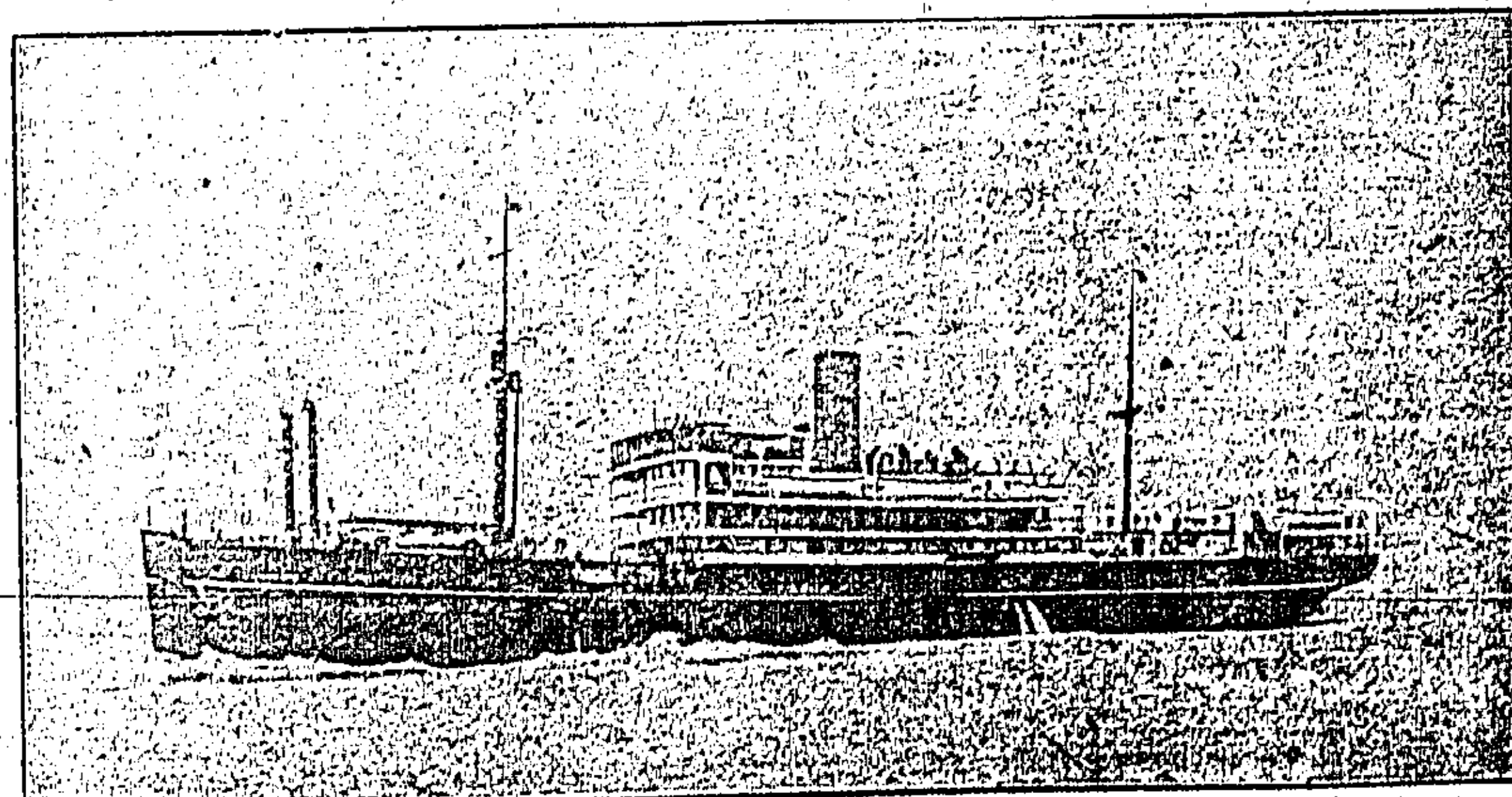
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HOLLYWOOD TRAGEDY.

FILM ACTOR CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

THE LATEST HOLLYWOOD SENSATION

is the arrest on a charge of manslaughter of Paul Kelly, a film juvenile, following the death of Ray Raymond, another film actor, aged 33 years, with whom Kelly is alleged to have had a fight with fists as a result of a quarrel arising out of the attentions Kelly had been paying to Raymond's wife, the film actress, Dorothy Mackaye, says a Reuter message from Hollywood.

Raymond died in hospital, and Mr. Eagan, the District Attorney, announces that he will charge Kelly with manslaughter.

Ethel Lee, a negro maid, who was an eye-witness of the fight that is alleged to have caused Raymond's death, has described the deceased as a reluctant combatant.

Kelly, however, declares that the two men sat down on a couch to talk things over quietly, that the argument grew heated, and that it was not until Raymond began cursing and threatening that he turned on him "in a blinding rage" and struck him.

He says that he cannot remember how many times he struck him, but that he finally walked out of the house, leaving Raymond a crumpled mass on the floor.

Dorothy Mackaye was absent during the fight, but her little daughter Valerie was in the house at the time in the care of a maid.

Raymond's widow fainted in Court during the inquest. After the doctor had revived her, she announced that she would stand on her rights and refuse to give evidence. She asked for the assistance of counsel.

HARD LABOUR FOR DOG THIEF.

AIREDALE WHICH FOUND ITS WAY HOME.

I know this man as one of the cleverest dog thieves in North London. He is always seen with dogs, but it is very difficult to bring a case against him. He uses aniseed and liver to entice the dogs.

This was the character given to Charles Hobson (67), a coachbuilder, of Brunswick Road, Holloway, by Detective-Sergeant Poynter when Hobson was convicted at North London Police Court on a remanded charge of stealing an Airedale dog valued at £10 and a collar value 3s. 6d.

Evidence was given that the dog was lost on March 3 at Highgate.

The following day prisoner sold this animal to a Mayfair butcher for £1, and he sent it to his house at Harrow. There the dog whined so much that the butcher disposed of it to another person. It then passed through the hands of several persons, and finally returned to its lawful owner of its own accord on April 5.

Inquiries were made by Detective-Sergeant Poynter, and a week later he arrested Hobson at Highgate Hill. He then had a large piece of cooked horse liver in his possession.

Ten previous convictions were mentioned against Hobson, the last one being at the Central Criminal Court in March 1921, when he received six months' hard labour for stealing a dog and its collar.

Prisoner declared that he bought the dog mentioned in the present charge from a collier at Kensal Town for 10s. He did not know the man.

The Magistrate sent prisoner to six months' hard labour for stealing the dog, and an additional two months' hard labour for stealing the animal's collar.

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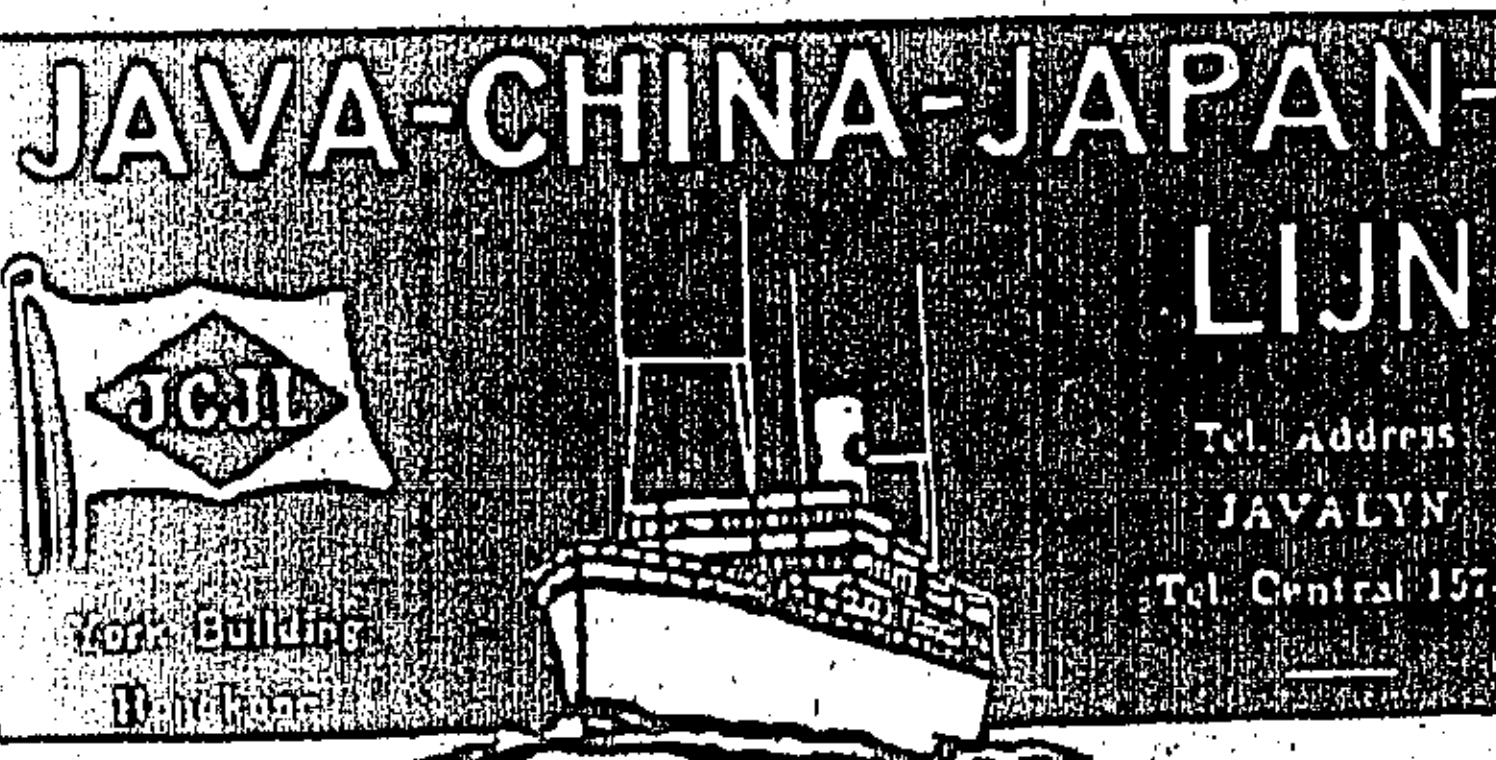
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Tjilmanoeck	Java, Moser	6th June.	9th June.	Amoy, N. China
Tjikini	N. China	8th June.	9th June.	Batavia
Tjisondari	Batavia	12th June.	15th June.	Shanghai
Tjisroea	Shanghai	15th June.	16th June.	Batavia
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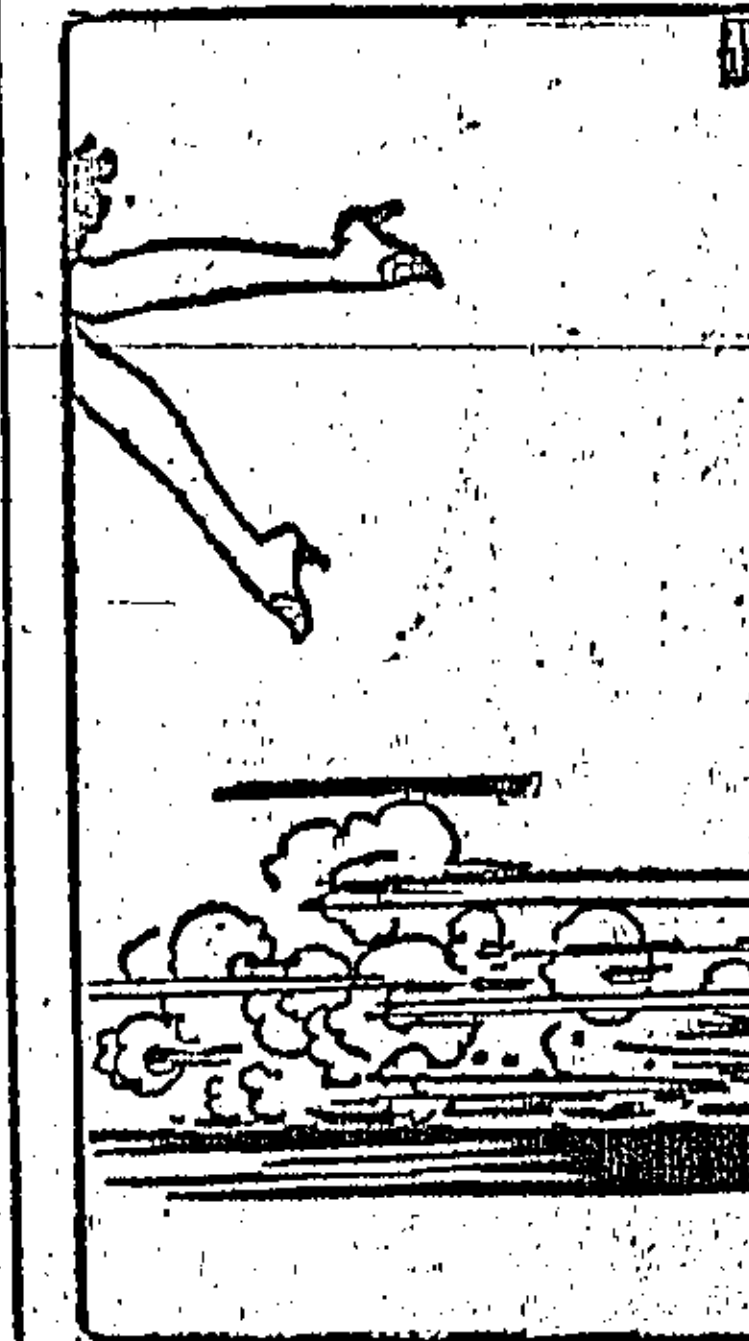
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A DAY OF NOTE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

them, with many illustrations, the
need for God, for work, and
brotherhood. He also spoke of
the necessity for unity.

He said that on a day like this,
when he saw such delightful chil-
dren sitting in front of him, he
was sorry they were not on the
ships, but he would remind them
that they in Hongkong were only a
small fraction of the great family
party which was gathering to-day
wherever the Union Jack was
flying. When he looked at them
he realised that very soon they
would be in charge of the family
party, and if they were going to
make the family party a great deal
better and happier than it was at
present, they had to remember
three things.

The first was that they must
have God. Russia had tried to do
without him, and they would know
how miserable Russia was to-day.
Some of the grown-ups also for-
got that fact, and that was why
England and other places were un-
happy to-day.

The second necessity was work.
He spoke of how, when he was
working in a poor London parish,
youngsters leaving school were
unable to find jobs, with the re-
sult that in six months' time they
did not want to work. Through
work they could express them-
selves, and if they did not work
they could not express themselves.

Thirdly, they had to remember
to be brotherly; because by
brotherliness they could attain
unity, and unity was strength.

Concluding, he said the young
ones were going to take charge of
the family party and the older
people were going to the arm-
chair. He urged them not to for-
get the three points he had made,
and if they remembered, the
family party would be very much
more happy than it was to-day.

The service concluded with
Kipling's Recessional, "God of our
fathers, known of old," the Na-
tional Anthem, and the Benedic-
tion.

AT CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

Duty of Obedience.

The commemorative service for
the Catholic School of the Colony
was held at the Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception later in
the morning. The Rt. Rev. Bishop
Valtorta, Vicar Apostolic, officiated
at these services, assisted by
the clergy and students of the
Cathedral Seminary, and the
Cathedral Choir. The pupils sang
"God Save the King" at the con-
clusion of the service.

The following schools partici-
pated:—Garrison School of Hong-
kong, St. Joseph's English College,
Italian Convent, St. Francis'
School (Wanchai), St. Mary's
School (Kowloon), Students of the
Cathedral Seminary, St. Louis' In-
dustrial School (West Point),
Aberdeen Chinese School, Shaui-
wan Chinese School, Kai Lap
Chinese School (Wanchai), Tak
Ying School (Wanchai), Wa Yan
English School (Robinson Road),
Sacred Heart School (Yau-mati),
Holy Spirit School (Robinson
Road) and several other Chinese
Schools in Hung Hom, Yau-mati
and Shamshuipo.

Preaching from the text "I Paul
have planted, Appollo hath watered,
but God gave the increase
(1 Cor. 3, VI), the Rev. Father
McGuinness said:—"To-day, May
24th, has been selected as what
we may call, to use an Ecclesiasti-
cal term, "The Feast Day of the
British Empire." It is Empire
Day, and on this day the world
over, wherever the Englishman
has acquired a home or a foothold,
under whatever flag or sky,
whether gold digging in California
or farming in Australia, whether
in the backwoods of Canada or
among the fisheries of the freezing
North, whether along the banks
of the Hudson or the St. Lawrence,
or among the docks of Kowloon or
Shanghai, his patriotism, however
"lickering at other times it may
be, burns in his bosom with as
bright a flame as in the breast of
any home-dweller, from the Isle
of Wight to the Scottish Border
or from Great Yarmouth to the
Irish Sea. It is his pride and his
joy that he belongs to that Empire
on which we hope and pray the
sun may never set. We, too, are
subjects of that Empire, therefore
we, too, join to-day—in this
general manifestation of joy; and
our manifestation takes its true
and proper form when it brings us
here to-day to give thanks to God,
for through Paul planted and
Appollo watered, God it was Who
blessed their work and gave the
increase. Glory therefore be to
God and continued Glory, for has
He not given us our Pauls and
our Appollos, wise men to plant
and water, to rule and guide, has
He not delegated to them His
authority, and does not the success
of their work depend on the right
use of that authority and an
implicit obedience to its laws.
That being so, two duties devolve
on us, first to pray for our rulers
that they may ever recognise that
it is God's power they wield, and
that wielding it they may wield

OXFORD MEN ON FARMS.

U.S. VIEW OF CANADIAN EXPERIMENT.

Boston, Mass.—A means of en-
larging the experience of Oxford
men is noted in an article in the
current *Harvard Crimson*. The
article speaks of the co-operation
of the Canadian Pacific Railway in
inviting Oxford students to
Canada so that they may see the
country, and also help harvest the
Dominion's wheat crop, and con-
cludes with the following com-
ment:

"This plan, combining the plea-
sures of travel, out-of-door labour
and economy, is excellent, and if
it proves practicable it might well
be extended. Such an arrange-
ment could of course be concluded
only on the grounds that no la-
bouring men are deprived of work,
for however essential travel may
be to a college student, a paying
job is an even greater necessity
to the labourer.

"All in all, the project is ex-
tremely worthy. Oxford men will
have the opportunity of seeing
Canada from a point of view much
different from that of the usual
tourist; the Canadians will be aid-
ed in the wheat harvest—and they
may come to think of a university
as capable of producing something
more than charming idlers; and
the bonds between the two coun-
tries will be cemented by this per-
sonal embassy. International
politics can do no more."

it well. The second it that we
must always be ready to give to
the law's they make an implicit
obedience, for St. Paul, speaking as
the inspired Apostle of God, says
"Let every soul be subject to the
higher powers, for there is no
power but from God, and they
that are, are ordained of God.
Therefore he that resisteth the
power resisteth the ordinance of
God, and they that resist purchase
to themselves damnation." Thus
does God rule the world of men
He created—in civil and ecclesiasti-
cal matters."

The preacher proceeded to pro-
pound and illustrate the teaching
that God rules through the
leaders of men, and said that
there were, unfortunately, men
who would turn others away from
allegiance, who would subvert all
authority, civil and ecclesiastical,
who issue an insidious propaganda
with the avowed object of breed-
ing discontent and disobedience,
who would bring about a world's
revolution against the powers that
be. They could already see the
dire results of such efforts—
strife and dissension, loss of life,
loss of employment, want and
poverty and misery and wretched-
ness. "Nations and individuals
can be happy and prosperous only
if they wield well and obey well
that authority which is of God.
Let us then give thanks to God for
His wondrous providence and care,
let us ask Him to bless our rulers
and guide and direct them to rule
us well and, finally, let us resolve
in His Presence to-day to be ever
faithful and loyal subjects both of
them and Him."

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

Result of Essay Competition.

The annual Empire Day Essay
competition in connexion with St.
Joseph's College was held as usual
this year and early this morning
the prizes were distributed at the
School by the Rev. Brother
Marcian a former Director of
Hongkong, who is passing through
the Colony.

The compositions were limited
this year to the higher classes and
awards were made to the follow-
ing scholars:

Matriculation Class.—1, Edgar
Mathias; 2, Paul Braga; 3, George
Pearson.

Junior "A."—Michael Murphy.
Junior "B."—Wu Pak-chuen.
Junior "C."—David Leonard.

Address to Pupils.

Rev. Bro. Marcian, who dis-
tributed the prizes to the winners
in the essay contests, in his ad-
dress, to the large assembly of
pupils said that the Empire was
maintained by men of character,
and the business of the boys at
the College was to cultivate that
character so that they would be
useful citizens of the Empire later
on.

He was pleased to note that
many of those who had been to
school five years ago, when he
taught here, were now holding re-
sponsible positions in Hongkong
and contributing their share to
the prosperity of the Colony.

In proceeding to the Cathedral
later for the commemorative ser-
vices, they were to pray that there
may be a good understanding
amongst the people of Hongkong
and China. The prosperity of
Hongkong was the prosperity of
China, and vice versa. The British
Empire had now a very im-
portant function in the Far East
in the maintenance of peace and
the cultivation of good under-
standing amongst the nations.
They were to pray that they who
governed them might well under-
stand their mission, and fulfil it
for the good of all concerned.

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questions on page 14.

1. Arms of the Medici family, the first
pawbrokers. 2. The average brewer's dray-
horse. 3. The slave-dealer who assisted St. M.
Stanley and later became a Congo Governor.
4. Queen Elizabeth. 5. Arms of Robert Dudley,
Earl of Leicester, a public official. 6. The
Guldhall. 7. An abbreviation of the name of
Sir James Outram, the great engineer. 8.
fought off the island of Lissa, in the Adria-
tic, where Italy was defeated by the Aus-
trians. 9. From a play by Nathaniel Lee;
correct quotation is, "When Greek Jolns
Greek." 10. Mythen, Gopodis, Herr, Mon-
sieur, Shneur, Sene, 11. Leopard. 12. Loan
financed to finance the French wars in 1688-
1702.

THE DANCING BUFFALO.

The Charleston is not a recognis-
ed dance among the inmates of the
London Zoo (writes a correspondent
to a London paper), but on oc-
casion, and with a friend to en-
courage them, some of the animals
are not averse to showing what they
can do in the way of dancing.

Ordinarily the East African
buffalo from Kenya Colony is a very
sedate, slow-moving, not to say
dour, animal, but the other day he
gave quite a thrilling dancing dis-
play for the benefit of a man friend
who visited him. The "floor" was
the rough gravel of his outdoor
enclosure.

Retiring a few feet from the rail-
ings, he first shook his head and
heavy curled horns just to show
that he had not got a stiff neck and
could, when he wished, move it quite
freely and easily. Then, rearing up
on his hind legs, he jumped and
danced to the left and right,
leaving the imprints of his
feet in the soft gravel, so
that all could follow his "steps"
without trouble. After a while,
breathing heavily, he came up to
the bars of the cage, lowered his
head, thrust his horns through, and
waited to have his back scratched
with the end of a walking stick. As
a reward for his display, his friend
also gave him a biscuit.

In his next dance he shook his
head, jumped sideways, and reared
up and pranced on his hind legs.
Again a biscuit and neck-scratching
rewarded his efforts, and this went
on until all the biscuits were con-
sumed. Then, as his friend left,
the buffalo escorted him to the
farthest corner of the cage, and
stood looking wistfully after him
as he walked away.

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